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CHAHAR BATTLE SPREADING

Communist Force In Yuhsien Outskirts

TRIESTE ARMY PRECAUTIONS

London, Mar. 22.
All British and American troops in the Free Zone of Trieste, adjoining the Free Zone of Trieste, have been confined to barracks since midnight yesterday, Rome Radio reported tonight.

The report added that British and American frontier guards in the Free Zone have been reinforced along the Yugoslav frontier.

—Reuter.

H.K. HOTEL BOYS BACK AT WORK

The boys and waiters of the Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels and the Lido returned to work yesterday afternoon, bringing to an end a strike involving over 1,200 of their number since Friday noon, when they walked out en masse.

The return to work followed ratification of the compromise arrangement arrived at between the hotel management and the strikers' delegates on Monday afternoon.

Catering service was resumed at the hotels shortly after 11 p.m. yesterday. Right up to that time strike pickets were posted outside the hotel entrances.

Both residents and the hotel staff heaved a sigh of relief that "the whole thing is over." The hotel staff had been working overtime and performing all sorts of work to make the lot of the residents less uncomfortable.

Residents took the whole thing in good spirit but not a few of them forgot to turn off the water taps before going out. It was reported, and flooded bath rooms were not an infrequent occurrence.

SALVAGE ATTEMPT IN HARBOUR

An attempt will be made this afternoon to raise part of the Japanese wreck, submerged in the central fairway of the harbour.

A third portion of the wreck was removed a few months ago. Since then work on cutting the remaining portion into two has been in progress.

The lifted portion will be removed to the scrap dump at Kowloon Bay.

"We Never Dig Into Such Reports"

London, Mar. 23.
Buckingham Palace sources sceptically dismissed a fresh crop of rumours today that Princess Elizabeth is pregnant.

Officially they stuck to the usual "No comment because we never dig into such reports."

Unofficially, however, they said there is no good reason to suppose the Princess is expecting a child in the autumn as has been reported abroad—and in one London newspaper.

Until now the British press ignored the speculation. Its only allusion to the Princess' possible pregnancy appeared a couple of months ago in the Sunday Pictorial which said the Princess and Philip had confided to intimates that they would like to have a baby in the first year of their marriage.

In a front page story by a "special correspondent" the paper, one of the most widely circulated of the popular Sunday papers, said that an official

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Heavy Engagement In Shansi

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
The battle along the Chahar-Shansi border is spreading ominously as Communist forces, pushing south, have driven into the outskirts of Yuhsien, 65 miles south of Kalgan, according to pro-Government despatches today.

In north-eastern Shansi, heavy fighting is also reported around Kwangling, 60 miles south-east of Tatung, following the Government evacuation of Yangkiao which adjoins the Suiyuan border further to the north.

Communists swooped down on Yuhsien following a series of fast manoeuvres in which they overwhelmed the Government defences at Shoying, 16 miles to the northeast.

The fighting at Yuhsien, which is the centre of the present Communist offensive in Inner Mongolia, has entered the stage of savage hand-to-hand combat with both sides suffering heavy casualties.

As the Communists have trekked upon his territory, General Fu Tso-yi, North China overall Commander-in-Chief, is reported personally to be directing the Nationalist operation from Peiping on a round the clock basis.

It is stated that he may interpose to the front to launch a counter-offensive.

Governor Confident
In Kweihsui, capital of Suiyuan province, Governor Tung

Manus As Aussie Base?

Canberra, Mar. 23.
The Australian Defence Council will discuss plans on April 5 for the development of Manus Island, north of New Guinea, as an Australian naval base.

The base was handed over to Australia by the United States last year at an ultimate cost of £2,000,000.

The Australian Government has made an offer to the United States for the purchase of American equipment and stores at Manus and when this deal is completed, a decision will be made on the defence works to be undertaken there.

Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, told a press conference today that he had received no confirmation of reports that machineguns had been used by the Chinese in a dispute with the administrative authorities on the island.

He was commenting on a report that 300 Chinese had formed into machinegun units and had defied the civil authorities. Official reports did not suggest that the situation was serious, Mr. Chifley said.—Reuter.

KOWLOON CITY PETITION

A lengthy petition by Kowloon City residents dispossessed of their land by the Japanese occupation of Kaitak airfield during the war years was presented yesterday to Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, for forwarding to the Colonial Secretary and to Lord Listowel.

The petition handed in by two representatives of the people, requested that those in possession of alienated sites be given legal title to the land; and those who are still without land be allotted alternative sites.

The petition, which was in Chinese, is being translated by the S.C.A. for transmission to the authorities concerned.

At Bombs On U.S. Warships

Lincoln, Nebraska, March 22.

Representative Arthur L. Miller (Nebraska Republican) said today that United States ships in the Mediterranean were carrying a ton bombs more powerful than those dropped on Japan.

"We may see some atom bombs dropped not only on Trieste, but Moscow as well," said Rep. Miller.

At Washington, however, in an official denial of Rep. Miller's statement, the Navy emphatically said none of its ships in the Mediterranean was carrying atom bombs.

In a second news conference, Rep. Miller said: "Three United States battleships are in Trieste harbour. If things break out, we would see them dropping atomic bombs within 48 hours."—United Press

Woman Executed

Athens, Mar. 23.
A guerrilla woman, who escaped from gaol when her gendarme guard eloped with her, was executed today.

Helen Nicolaou and her gendarme lover, N. Vernickos, were captured on March 11 after three days of freedom. She was previously under sentence of death. There were no reports on what has happened to Vernickos.

Three other persons were executed in Tripoli and ten, including the former editor of a Communist newspaper, in Larissa.—Associated Press.

SWAP OFFER REJECTED

Rome, Mar. 23.

Italy has flatly rejected Yugoslavia's offer to swap Trieste for the Italian city of Gorizia, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

The Western Allies proposed the return of the free territory of Trieste to Italy last Saturday. Yugoslavia countered yesterday with an offer to relinquish her claims on Trieste if Italy will give up Gorizia, to the north.

The Ministry spokesman said: "It is clear that Italy cannot accept the separation of a part of Italian flesh bartered for another part of Italian flesh."—Associated Press.

SEX MURDER APPEAL

Winchester, Mar. 23.
James Campbell, 31-year-old man, charged with the murder of a woman, appealed against his conviction for the crime.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Service, Not Self



In the threatened famine at the Peninsula during the hotel strike on Sunday, residents filled the gap and sold to the hotel. Above Mr. H. H. Rose is busy with a sign and Mr. S. H. Strange with a bottle.

Women's Petition To H.E.

The Executive Officers of the Hong Kong Council of Women were received in audience by the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, the Right Honourable Lord Listowel yesterday afternoon.

A study of plans to construct a tunnel under the Whangpoo to connect the heart of Shanghai with Kaitung has been received by the City Government.

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However, with the growing indications that American aid may be thrown in the Government side in the Chinese civil war, the Bureau of Public Works again is showing interest in the proposal.

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Japs Asking For Cotton

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
General Headquarters today announced that private traders and cotton shippers interested in selling raw cotton or cotton waste to Japan have been invited to submit samples to the Japanese Government's official Board of Trade.

To date all raw cotton required by Japan had been purchased on a government-to-government basis.

Mr. Frank Pickles, chief of SCAP's Foreign Trade Division, said that by submitting samples now, all shippers would have an equal chance when private trade in raw cotton is opened, which is anticipated in the near future.

Shippers may send samples directly to the Board of Trade, or through the Japanese Consulate in Shanghai.

VIETNAM GUERILLAS IN SOUTH CHINA FIGHTING

Raids Reported In Two Areas

Shanghai, Mar. 23.
About 3,000 Vietnam guerillas have joined forces with local brigands and Communists in South-West Kwangsi and are carrying out raids in the Tsinghsi and Lungchow areas near the Indo-China border, according to a report appearing in today's American-owned Shanghai Evening Post.

The report added, however, that these Vietnam forces, who were driven into Kwangsi by a French operation, are expected to withdraw completely into Indo-China again as the Foreign Legion, which occupied Trainlin on the border, has retired to Caobang, in the south.

The Vietnam units at present operating in Kwangsi are said to owe allegiance to President Ho Chi-min of the Vietnam Republic. He is believed to have his headquarters somewhere about 100 miles from the Kwangsi border.

Nguyen Hai-thuan, Rightist leader of Indo-China, is also reported to have some 3,000 men in Southern Kwangsi who were driven there by Ho Chi-min's Vietnam troops about two years ago.

They were disarmed by the Chinese under orders of General Chang Fah-kwei, then director of the President's headquarters in Canton.

In Hong Kong
The report says that Nguyen, who travels between Canton and Hong Kong, has asked the Chinese military authorities to return the arms so that his forces may drive out Ho Chi-min's units on the Kwangsi frontier.

It is alleged that the Vietnam forces are Communist working in close co-operation with the Chinese Communist headquarters on Shih Wan To Shan (Hundred Thousand Big Mountain) on the border of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Indo-China.

In command of this Red hideout is said to be Liao Sheng-chih, son of the late Liao Chung-kai, a Kuomintang leftist leader.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI TALKS OF TUNNEL

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LORD MILNE DEAD

London, Mar. 23.

Field-Marshal Lord Milne, former Chief of Imperial General Staff, died in his sleep last night at his London home, aged 81.—Reuter.

SPITFIRES FOR CHINA

With her decks stacked high with crated "Spitfires" aircraft and more than 600 tons of small arms and ammunition in her holds, the 4,300-ton ss. "Lakeside" left harbour for Shanghai yesterday morning.

The ship, carrying the third shipment of aircraft sold to the Chinese Government by Canada, The "Lakeside" arrived on Monday and continued her voyage to Shanghai yesterday.

Kwangtung Shipping Control

Canton, Mar. 23.

The Kwangtung Government have received instructions from Nanking to tighten control over foreign shipping along the sea coast of the province, according to the Tai Kwong Evening News.

The instructions are said to be the result of complaints that vessels flying foreign flags have been found entering Chinese ports without entry permits from the authorities.

In future, if any foreign ship enters a Chinese port not open to trade without prior permission from the Chinese authorities, the vessel and all cargo aboard will be seized and confiscated, the paper added.

Any foreign vessel entering a trading port without authority will be fined. If it is considered a serious case, the vessel would be seized and confiscated.—Reuter.

C.H.R. ACCIDENT

Ten passengers were injured when a train plying between Canton and Kungong, on the Canton-Hankow Line, jumped the rails at Wang Shek, north of Canton, on Sunday, according to Chinese press reports last night.

Seven carriages were derailed.

London, Mar. 23.
William Sals, the oldest man in Hertfordshire, celebrated his 103rd birthday today.—Reuter.

U.S. Dollar Drops In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Quotations for stocks and black market United States dollars, after sensational gains in the past several weeks, slid today following heavy remittances of funds from Shanghai to South China ports over the week-end.

Black market United States dollars, which touched a peak of CN\$450,000 last week, dropped to CN\$350,000, while gold bars stood at about CN\$25,000,000 per ounce.—CN\$4,500,000 less than four days ago.

Heavy declines were also recorded on the stock market where Chinese and foreign shares dropped 10 to 15 per cent in the past 24 hours.

The shortage of funds has meanwhile sent black market interest rates for Chinese dollars soaring to 40 per cent per month, while dishonoured cheques during the past week totalled a new record of CN\$400,000,000,000.

The price of rice, however, remained at over CN\$4,000,000 per picul of 170 lbs. as the commodity market failed to react to the general downward trend of the other markets.

The large-scale dumping of United States war surplus goods on the Shanghai market by the Board of Supplies also failed to influence the commodity market.

Meanwhile, tung oil—China's leading export article—was quoted at CN\$2,000,000 per picul at the Shanghai market, down from CN\$2,500,000 a few days ago.

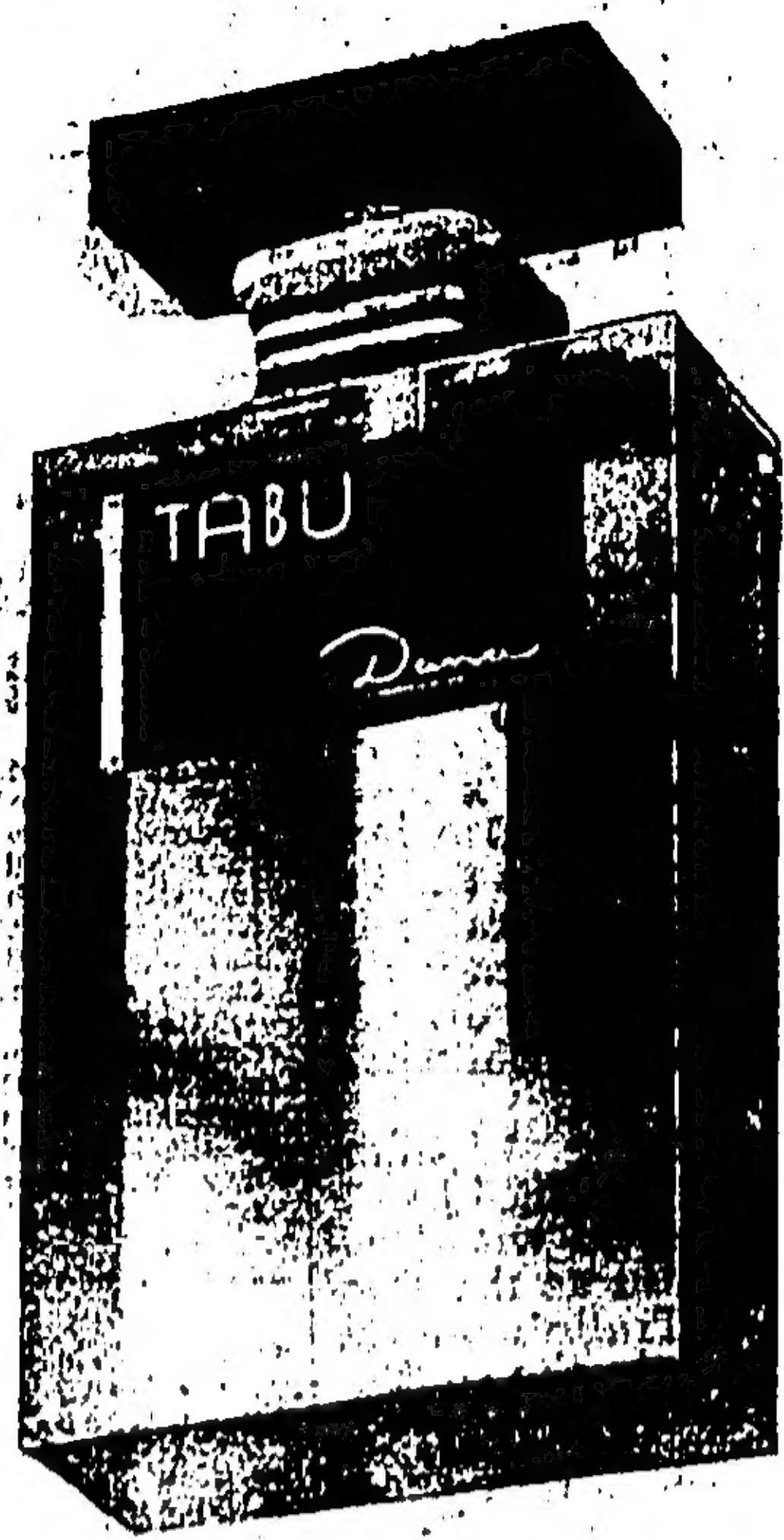
The Weather

A Siberian anticyclone covers the whole of China and the neighbouring seas, and is expected to bring a depression to the coast of the S. of China and to the S. of Hainan, both morning and evening.

Today's Forecast: Fair, with a few clouds and cool with fair periods during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum	Minimum	Remarks
63.3	54.4	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
61.1	52.2	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
60.0	51.1	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
58.9	49.9	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
57.8	48.8	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
56.7	47.7	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
55.6	46.6	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
54.5	45.5	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
53.4	44.4	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
52.3	43.3	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
51.2	42.2	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
50.1	41.1	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
49.0	40.0	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
47.9	38.9	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
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12.7	3.7	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
11.6	2.6	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
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-57.7	-66.7	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-58.8	-67.8	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-59.9	-68.9	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-61.0	-70.0	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-62.1	-71.1	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-63.2	-72.2	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
-64.3	-73.3	Wind S.W. 15-20 mph.
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FISH CONTROL BRIBE CASE

Alleged Payment To Health Inspector

Crown Witness's Evidence

That an Indian foreman of the markets had been given \$600 for the children of a European Health Inspector who shortly after his appointment had visited the stalls in the Central Market and found some not to be in order, was alleged by Chan Kam, witness for the prosecution, when cross-examined by Mr. Bernacchi at Central Magistracy yesterday in the Fish Control Bribery case.

The case is being heard by Mr. A. J. Clifford. The defendants, who are charged with conspiracy and bribery, are Chan Koon-kau, Kwok Muk-hoi, Li Ki-man and Cho Wo-hin.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi acted for first accused and the others were represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. F. W. Shafton is prosecuting for the crown.

Chan Kam under cross-examination by Mr. Bernacchi said that there were 11 laans in existence in 1946. They did not have the monopoly of fish before the war.

It was right to say that the laans advanced the money for the fishing equipment to the junks and as the result of the Government's scheme they stood to lose millions of dollars. When the Government scheme was put forward the laans held a meeting but he did not know it was to subscribe to a "fighting fund" to combat the Government scheme.

He knew it was decided to appeal to Government not to enforce the scheme. He did not know that a big seizure of fish had been made in January. He knew the four accused were arrested and shortly after that he left for Canton in connection with fish business. He denied that he returned to Hong Kong because of a message from the Police and that he had been told by Mr. Shafton that he (Mr. Shafton) would ask Government to make it easier for the laans. One Tong Wah had made the suggestion. He denied that the meeting in 1945, when first defendant and a Portuguese inspector were present, was arranged by him.

Witness said that he paid the money over and others did the bribery and therefore could not say who received bribes. He was the chairman of the Fish Stall Owners Association in the Central Market.

Regarding the meeting in 1945, which he denied was arranged by him, witness said that he was asked there. He denied that at the meeting there was vague talk of a scheme which would be to the mutual benefit of those present. He denied that they talked about bribes.

In reply to Mr. Stewart witness said that he recalled the arrangement made with the Fishery inspectors and that for two years there were no seizures of fish.

When it was put to him, witness said that he did not go often to the pier where fish were landed. He was not afraid to do so. They would not be arrested by the Fishery inspectors. If the police wanted to arrest them they would evade arrest by sailing the boat away. This had been done once or twice. It was not necessary to evade the other inspectors as money had been paid. At the Central Market he was not afraid of arrest by the police as they had faked at both ends. There were police on duty at the Central Market.

Questioned whether he had paid bribes to other persons witness said that once \$600 was paid to a European inspector. He did not remember clearly the date. It was last year. It was paid to an Indian who resides in the Central Market.

Pressed on the point witness said that the inspector had been newly appointed. The money was paid to his children. The newly appointed inspector went round the market one day and found some stalls not in order. This inspector had nothing to do with the Fisheries.

Re-examined by Mr. Shafton witness said that the \$600 was paid to an Indian. He did not know if he was an Indian but he looked like one. This man was a foreman in the market. He did make a report to Mr. Shafton about this.

The next witness, Ip King-cheung, said that he was a member of the Fish Stall Owners Association. Early in October Chan Kam invited him to tea at the Lan Hung Shung Cafe. First accused, a Portuguese and another were present. In the hearing of first accused Chan Kam told him that with the control of fish by Government the laans would have a difficult time. Chan Kam hinted that first accused would give every facility if he were paid \$40 a day. If this was agreeable it would be necessary to have all the laans in.

A meeting was later held and an association known as the Hong Yick Tong was formed. Witness was appointed treasurer and funds were obtained by each member subscribing \$50. A shroff was appointed but he absconded after a while. Two weeks later witness saw Chan Kam and first accused. Chan Kam told first accused that the laans recognised him as the man and as a treasurer had been appointed he could go to the treasurer's house every ten days for the money. Chan Wui-kau came every ten days for the money. This continued for nine months when witness resigned owing to ill health and another took over the post.

The object of paying the money was to ensure that the fish would not be seized. The hearing was adjourned.

Nagging Rickshaw Coolies

The rickshaw coolies were nagging at us to take a ride and we had told them repeatedly, no, but they still persisted so we tried to make them go away, forcibly and then the police came and charged us," declared one of seven Canadian seamen who appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. A. J. Clifford on charges of creating a disturbance in Hennessy Road at 4.30 p.m. and maliciously damaging a public vehicle and a rickshaw, causing damage totalling \$70.

The defendants—Allan MacIsaac, J. Willis, W. Gillespie, E. Olivera, K. More, R. Ross and J. Jeanson, all seamen on board the S.S. "Lakeside"—pleaded "Guilty" to both charges.

Inan, Brownrigg told the court that defendants were trying to over turn rickshaws and stopping taxis.

Mr. J. Wooley, agent for Dodwell and Co., said that the damage would be paid by the ship's company and that he would see the fines were paid, as defendants' ship was due to sail for Shanghai today.

Mr. Clifford said he was taking into consideration the fact that the damage had been made good and fined, accused \$50 or 20 days hard labour each.

MARINE DEPT. HOLIDAYS

The Marine Department will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Monday except as under:

Entry and Clearance Office will be closed all day on Friday and open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Marine Licensing Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, both days inclusive.

Mercantile Marine Office will be closed all day on Friday and Sunday and open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday and Monday.

SNATCHER TO BE CANED

A sentence of nine months' hard labour, strokes of the cane and a recommendation for banishment was meted out to 17-year-old Tsang Kam-shui by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday. Tsang pleaded guilty to snatching Miss Kwok Melon, a white Chinese girl, who was walking along Des Voeux Road Central on Monday.

It was further ordered by the Magistrate that in the event of defendant being certified unfit for the caning, then an additional month's imprisonment would be added to his sentence. Inspector Moran prosecuted.

Discharged Foki Forged Receipt

Chau Man-cheung (23) was engaged by Sung Po-chuen (51) of the Pekin Art Bug Co. on Jan. 31 as an assistant. On Feb. 17, Sung sold a carpet to Mr. A. L. Landsbert of 8 Humphrey's Building for \$900. This carpet was slightly damaged and on March 13 the buyer asked Sung by letter to take the carpet back and refund the money to him.

This came to the knowledge of Chau, who could read and write English.

On the following day, Chau was discharged by Sung. At 10 a.m. that day he went to Mr. Landsbert to collect the carpet in order to effect repairs.

Mr. Landsbert refused to hand over the carpet. This refusal was repeated when accused called at 10 a.m. the following morning. At 12 noon Chau went to Mr. Landsbert's residence and told Mrs. Landsbert that he wished to take the carpet away.

Gave Receipt

Mrs. Landsbert agreed to let him do so provided he gave her a receipt for it. Chau produced a receipt, purporting to be from the Pekin Art Bug Co., which he signed and handed to Mrs. Landsbert.

An hour later Sung sent one of his foki to Mr. Landsbert with a cheque for \$900 and a request to have the carpet taken away. Mrs. Landsbert gave the cheque to the foki and the carpet was taken away.

In the afternoon of March 17, a detective attached to the Teintsaui Police found the carpet in an auction room at Johnston Road, Wanchai. He was told that the rug was left by Chau Man-cheung for sale.

When Chau went on the evening of March 18 to the auctioneer's room to inquire about the carpet he was taken into custody by the waiting detective.

Whilst engaged in inquiries about the carpet, detectives from the Teintsaui Police Station discovered that Chau formerly lived at 258 Cheung-shawan Road, second floor, and that he had stolen a suit of Chinese clothing and a gold ring from his tenant on Dec. 15 last.

This was related to Mr. W. H. Lattimer, J.P., Sub-Inspector W. B. Savage when Chau was charged with identity by false pretences for forging a receipt and taking the carpet away. He was committed to the Central Prison for 14 days.

He Cast A Spell Over Her

"I do not know what the man has done but he seemed to have cast a spell over me," Li Shuk-ling, 30-year-old married woman, told Magistrate W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday when testifying against Law Kin-wun (22), charged with keeping a common gaming house.

Inspector J. Oram said that about 11 a.m. on March 21 Li made a report at the Water Police Station to the effect that she had lost \$40 and a gold finger ring while gambling on board the sloop "Man Chi" on the trip from Hong Kong to Kowloon at 9.20 a.m.

Detective 707 Yu Tung was sent with her to locate the keeper of the gaming school. They waited at the Mong Kok ferry wharf for the arrival of the "Man Chi".

After the passengers had disembarked, the woman pointed out Law as one of a number of persons running the gaming school.

According to the woman, Law, with a woman not in custody, induced her to join in the game known as "Red and Black" after she had lost \$40 she was persuaded to bet her ring.

Law was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and Li fined \$5 for gambling in a common gaming school.

Nearly Proved Fatal

The danger of putting up additional electrical installations was again emphasised in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Tze Fa, married woman, was charged with having additional electrical installations without the permission of the Chinese Light and Power Co. Ltd.

Inspector F. Roberts told the Court that the matter came to the notice of the Tsau Wan Police as the result of an accident, which nearly proved fatal.

Defendant is the owner of a stall in the Tsau Wan Market. On March 22, one of her foks, Lai Char-chung, went on to the tin roof of the stall and was nearly electrocuted.

China Light & Power officials found that additional connections had been made to the installation. Some of these were faulty, while other wires were uncovered. One of the bare wires came in contact with the tin roof while Lai was on it and nearly killed the man. The shock caused the man to "go out".

Imposing a fine of \$150, with another \$50 for the motor, Mr. Blair-Kerr warned defendant not to do it again and to pass the warning to her fellow stallholders.

A Births & Deaths Registry will be established in the Seventh Day Adventist Mission School at Clearwater Bay as from April 1, 1948 for the registration of births and deaths occurring in that district.

FOOD AND FUEL FIGURES

The food and fuel costs for the week ending March 20, 1948, issued by the Labour Office, were as follows:

	cutters	
Rice & Flour	7.2	\$5.7000
Vegetables	1.9	.9300
Salt Cabbage	2	.3200
Oil	7	1.7150
Tea	2	.9600
Salt Fish	3	.9800
Beans	4	.9800
Porridge	3	.9330
Firewood	10.0	1.0000
Beef Cured, 4 pieces		.7000
Total		\$14.2100

Personalia

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will lay the foundation stone of the Hong Kong Telephone Company's new building in Kowloon on tomorrow.

The ceremony will take place at noon.

Air Commodore S.N. Webster, C.B.E., A.F.C., Air Officer Commanding Hong Kong, arrived back in the Colony by air yesterday afternoon from Singapore, where he has been visiting headquarters, Air Command Far East.

Mrs. H. C. B. Way (now residing with her sister, Lady Shenton, at No. 2 The Bishops, S. W. 10) has announced the Marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Peter Laurence of Christ Church, Oxford, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. in St. Anne's Gardens, S. W. 7.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Henry Felton Hopkins, Mercantile Assistant, 2 May Road, Hong Kong, to Miss Betty Louise Ren, Stenographer, Helena May Institute, has been announced.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Messrs. Lundholm, Watson, Nunes, Eliazalde, Friedman, Lian, Lardizabal and Tregaskis. Departures included Mr. and Mrs. Fenichel, Mr. and Mrs. Aurell, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Smith, Mr. G.E. Von Lehn, Dr. J.P. Patterson and Mrs. M. Glucker.

Departures from the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Mr. E.D. Sultan and Mr. W.B.E. Hopkins.

KOWLOON LAND SALE

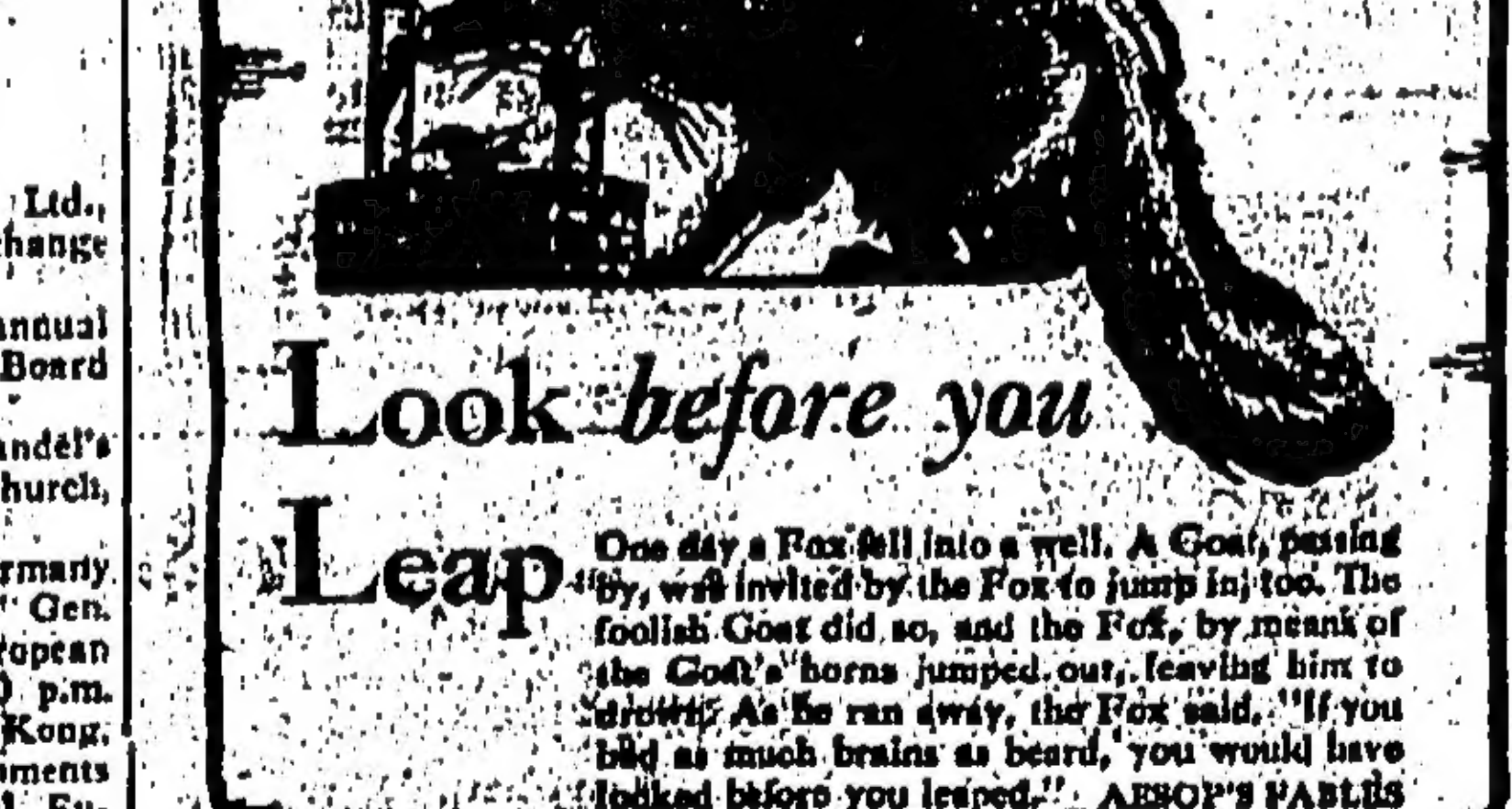
New Kowloon Inland Lot Nos. 3515 and 3516, at Castle Peak Road, New Kowloon, will be sold by Public Auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Thursday, April 1, at 3 p.m. The area of N.K.L. No. 3515 is about 210,200 sq. ft. and that of N.K.L. No. 3516 is about 209,730 sq. ft. The annual rentals \$5,950 and \$5,750 respectively. The upset price of both lots is \$600,425.

Reminders

Today
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Exchange Building, 12 noon.
H.K. Tramways Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
H.K. "Buddhist" edition of "Handel's Messiah," St. Paul's Church, Glenside, 9 p.m.
Talk on "Conditions in Germany after the War," By Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. Erskine, European YMCA, West Loongee, 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "Modern Developments in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering," By E. McA. Keown & W.A. Anderson, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 6 p.m.
Psychology Class IV, European YMCA, Women's Section, talk on "The Complete Life" by Capt. A.E. Luff, 8.15 p.m.
Sino-British Club Symphony Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Coming Events

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Dance, 1 p.m.
C.B.S. Dinner, Cabaret Dance, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
The Governor officiates at laying of foundation stone of H.K. Telephone Company's new building, No. 1, Canton Road, Kowloon, 12 noon.



Look before you Leap
One day a Fox fell into a well. A Goat, seeing this, was invited by the Fox to jump in too. The foolish Goat did so, and the Fox, by means of the Goat's horns, jumped out, leaving him to starve. As he ran away, the Fox said, "If you had as much brains as beard, you would have looked before you leaped." Aesop's Fables

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LORD LISTOWEL ON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

No Justification For Complaint

As far as Chinese representation is concerned, there is no justification for dissatisfaction with the proposed constitution of the projected Municipal Council for Hong Kong, declared Lord Listowel in reply to written questions submitted to him by the local Chinese press.

Following are the questions submitted by the "Wah Kiu Yat Po," "Sing Tao Jih Pao," and the "Hwa Hsiang Pao," and the answers given by Lord Listowel:

Along what channels is the self-government of Hong Kong going to be realized? and how long will this take? The Chinese are generally dissatisfied at the too small representation at the intended Municipal Council, in view of the fact that over 90% of the population are Chinese and that most of the revenue comes from the Chinese. Do you think such dissatisfaction is justified?

"The main line of constitutional advance for the people of Hong Kong is the Municipal Council. Before he made his recommendations, Sir Mark Young consulted local opinion. His recommendations were carefully considered by the Secretary of State and some modifications made. In addition the Secretary of State also approved Sir Mark Young's proposal that there should be an unofficial majority in Legislative Council. I do not consider that there is any justification for dissatisfaction with the proposals."

How long do you think this post-war boom of Hong Kong will last?

"I understand that the post-war boom is already over, but I hope that conditions in the Colony will remain prosperous."

The Dollar

There has been a much larger circulation of Hong Kong dollars after the war. Is there any likelihood that the rate between the H.K. dollars and the pound sterling will be revised? "Not as far as I know."

In his speech to the Council the Financial Secretary revealed that the Government intends to start with a million dollars to build an up-to-date airfield. Has this plan been decided and is this intended airfield meant to serve military purposes as well in case of war? Is it true that Britain has the intention to make Hong Kong a front line base against the Communists?

"The airfield proposals are at present under consideration in London. The airfield will be a civil airfield. Hong Kong is not a base or front line against anyone."

How long do you think the present rationing system will last and how would you account for the repeated increase in price of rationed rice and flour? "Rationing will have to continue so long as world shortages exist. The reason for the increase in price is the rise in cost in the producing countries."

Chiang Kai-shek has once said that China would negotiate for the restoration of Hong Kong. Has Britain any intention to part with this Colony? "I came to Hong Kong for the express purpose of making myself familiar with conditions in the Colony and not to discuss matters of policy. You will not therefore expect me to answer this question."

The Territories

If not, what are her plans to establish relationships commercial and otherwise with China? "I do not understand this question since Great Britain and Hong Kong already have commercial and other relationships with China."

It has been revealed on several occasions that the Government has large schemes for comprehensive development of the New Territories. It seems little has been done as yet. Can you elucidate us on some of these plans?

"Quite a lot has already been done for the development in the New Territories but still more remains to be done. I suggest that you read the Governor's speech to Legislative Council on March 19, where he indicated what had been done and what it was proposed to do in the New Territories."

Trade with Japan has come to occupy the first place. Industrialists are of the opinion that influx of Japanese goods are a menace to local industries. Have you been aware of this problem? "It is not correct to say that trade with Japan occupies first place in Hong Kong's trade. From what I have seen here I do not think that local industrialists have anything to fear from Japanese competition, provided that they can keep their prices in line with world prices."

Military Lands

What do you think of the future development of trade with Japan, Annam, Malaya and other regions? "I am all in favour of the development of trade between countries of the Far East."

The question of long leave, equal treatment and promotion of able staff to higher posts have been brought before you in your meeting with representatives of the Chinese civil servants. Can you enlighten us on some of the aspects of these questions?

GODOWN CO'S \$12 DIVIDEND

The Directors of the Hong Kong & Godown Co., Ltd., announce that, subject to audit, they will recommend, at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders, payment of a dividend of \$12.00 per share (less tax) in respect of the year 1947.

"These matters were fully considered by the Salaries Commission. I agree with the recommendations."

It was revealed a few months ago that negotiations were going on to turn over the military lands and the Royal Naval Yard to the civil authorities. Can you enlighten us as to how the matter is progressing?

"The question of the removal of the Naval Yard and of the Military Establishments from the centre of Victoria was postponed by the war. Discussions between Hong Kong Government and the local Naval and Military Authorities have been restarted."

After the re-occupation the British Government decided to allot a grant to Hong Kong Government of £100,000 for the further development of Hong Kong which was to take place in the next ten years; what is the position now?

Trade Unions

"The Hong Kong allocation from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund is £1,000,000. Plans for about one half of this amount have already been forwarded by the Government of Hong Kong to the Colonial Office, where they are at present being examined preliminarily to their consideration by the Legislative Council in Hong Kong. These plans deal mainly with development in the New Territories. As regards the remaining half of the allocation, the Hong Kong Government is awaiting the report of Sir Patrick Abercrombie before it finalises plans for development in the urban areas."

Does your Lordship consider it necessary to make an alteration or amendment to the two Ordinances, legislated recently for the regulation of Trade Unions and the settlement of debts incurred during the occupation period, which have raised objection in the Chinese Community?

"I consider that the Trades Union Ordinance, which is based on the laws in the United Kingdom and other British Colonies, is fair and will be found of considerable benefit to workers. The debtor and creditor legislation took two years to work out after very full consideration. Unless therefore there were very strong reasons I should not favour altering it."

LORD LISTOWEL ENTERTAINED

The Earl of Listowel, Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, was guest of honour at a cocktail party given at the Hong Kong Club last night by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Lord Listowel was greeted on arrival by Mr. C. C. Roberts and Mr. Tung Cheung-wai, Chairmen of the respective Chambers. Nearly 300 guests, members of the Chambers with their wives, attended.

Li Tak, who was convicted by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for the larceny of a fountain pen from Mr. A. E. Caporn, and who was remanded for 24 hours for his record to be produced was found to have a previous conviction for a similar offence and was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, with a recommendation for banishment.

WOMAN JUROR OBJECTS TO SERVING IN SESSIONS RAPE CASE

Found guilty by a jury on a charge of having carnal knowledge of Wong Man, 36-year-old married woman, at 173 Pelho Street, ground floor, on Jan. 20, without her consent. Chan Cheung, 28, shop assistant, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Fulne Judge), to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Accused's wife, who testified on his behalf, explained that a packet of "luck money" containing 40 cents, a pair of artificial flowers and a piece of red cloth, given by her to complainant, were usually given, according to the custom of their district in China, to people who had been frightened by a dog or a pig.

Mr. J. Reynolds, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Dowman, conducted the case for the prosecution.

Before the jury was sworn in, Mr. Justice Gould drew the attention of the women members to the fact that the case was one of rape and that certain unpleasant details would be mentioned in the course of the hearing. He therefore enquired whether or not any of the women members would have any objection to serving. One woman member asked that she be exempted and the request was granted.

After the jury had been empanelled, a number of other women who had been summoned for jury service but had not been called remained in Court until completion of the complainant's testimony.

Given Package

In the course of his opening, Mr. Reynolds said that the complainant was a married woman, the wife of Pu Man-shing. She came to Hong Kong with her husband in Feb. 1947. She lived in a wooden shed in the backyard of 173 Pelho Street. Her husband earned a living in Shum Chun and visited Hong Kong once or twice a month.

On Jan. 19, complainant went to bed at about 10 p.m. and was awakened at about 4 a.m. the next morning by someone pressing on her. There were no lights at the time.

She tried to cry out, but the person pressing her told her to keep quiet and say nothing. She recognized the voice as that of accused. The alleged improper offence then took place. After some five minutes, accused left and went to his own room. She followed him and shouted "Aunt, aunt!" but received no reply. She then returned to her own shed and went to sleep.

The next morning, she spoke to accused's wife concerning the incident and received a package containing 40 cents, "lucky money," a pair of artificial flowers and a piece of red cloth, symbols of apology for some wrong done. When her husband returned from Shum Chun on Feb. 8, she told him about it. At 9 p.m. the following day, a report was made to the Shamshuipo Police Station and accused was subsequently arrested.

Accused's Statement

On conclusion of the case for the Crown, accused (in the dock) alleged that the offence took place with the consent of complainant. He also alleged that on two previous occasions, he had had improper relations with her. Accused further alleged that complainant had told him that her husband had no love for her and that was the reason why she desired intercourse with him. Complainant asked him for money from time to time.

Ting Luen, accused's wife, said that complainant asked her for "lucky money" because she had been frightened when her husband fell down. It was customary in their district to give this "lucky money" and the other items when a person had been frightened by a dog or a pig.

After the jury had returned their verdict, Mr. Justice Gould

asked accused whether he had anything to say. Accused asked for a fine or a light sentence.

Mr. Justice Gould, sentencing accused to four years' imprisonment with hard labour, said that this was a crime which, in the eyes of the law, could not be regarded as light enough to be met with a fine or a light sentence.

As he was being led from the dock, accused said that he would appeal.

P.I. Envoy In Colony

Mr. Joaquin M. Elizalde, Philippine Ambassador to the United States of America, was the guest of honour at a Tiffin given at the Cafe de Chate yesterday by Senator V. Madrigal.

Mr. Elizalde, who enjoys the distinction of being the first Philippine Ambassador to the United States, arrived by plane yesterday.

Among the large number of guests present were: Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Mr. George D. Hopper, Mr. E. D. Belasco, Mr. Rene Guilanme, Mr. Sampson Bunnag, Mr. E. E. Jozab, Mr. Einar Ulstrup, Mr. Eduardo Brazao, Mr. C. Brookhart, Mr. Pedro Botelho, Mr. A. S. Adamson, Mr. W. M. Simmons, Mr. J. M. Morhaus, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, Mr. T. E. Wilson, Mr. F. Kendall, Mr. A. J. Edmond, Mr. Fred Simonsen, Mr. A. Carvalho, Mr. Alvaro da Rosa, Mr. Ramon Faminquan, Mr. W. E. Parrott, Mr. W. R. Richardson, Mr. V. Kendrick, Dr. V. N. Altierra and Mr. Reynaldo Laidizabal.

Students In Court

A fine of \$50 each was imposed on So Chichung and Chang Kach, students, when they appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday. First defendant was charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car and second defendant with driving without a licence. Both accused pleaded "Guilty."

Insp. G. N. Senior said that he was proceeding along Queen's Road when he saw a car in front of him travelling very slowly. It looked as though the driver was not quite in control. He stopped the car and asked defendant for his licence. He was given the licence of first accused who sat in the back of the car whilst second defendant was driving.

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1.45 p.m.—Ding Crosby and The Andrews Sisters.
1.55 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
2.15 p.m.—From the Shows.
2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
2.45 p.m.—Favourite Melodrama.
3.00 p.m.—Radio's Children's Hour.
3.15 p.m.—Tommy Tunes with Melodrama (BOSTON).
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Czechs To Go Through Motions

Prague, Mar. 22. M. Klement Gottwald, Communist Premier of Czechoslovakia, today confirmed that the Czechoslovak general elections would be held within the time fixed by law and in accordance with the regulations.

In an interview with an American press correspondent, quoted by the Czechoslovak news agency, he said that the elections would "say the last word on the events of February and would confirm the victory of the people and the defeat of reaction."

M. Gottwald said: "Those who expect strong opposition against the Government programme will be disappointed. No strong opposition can develop because the opposition elements have no hope of winning over the people's sympathies."

"We have, however, to reckon with a certain unconstructive and subversive opposition from those of whom our new order was rightly affected, the former capitalist landowners, persons compromised by collaboration with the Germans and so on."

"It is more than likely that this small section of the population will try to mar the success of our work,"—Reuter.

Soviets Tighten Up Guards

Berlin, Mar. 23. The Soviet military authorities in Germany have given instructions to tighten the frontier control along the border of the Zone, the French-licensed Berlin newspaper, Der Kurier, reported today.

Detachments manning the frontier posts from the Baltic to Fichtelgebirge, on the borders of Bavaria and Czechoslovakia, have been reinforced with new recruits, the newspaper reported.

Among them were said to be 1,500 young German police, mostly members of the Socialist Unity Party.

A chain of blockhouses and huts have been built in the forest areas west of Magdeburg, in the Harz Mountains, and in Thuringia, and checks on trains in the frontier areas have been tightened up, the report said.—Reuter.

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Boycott Of "United Europe" Talks

Selsdon Park, Mar. 22. The International Socialist Conference here on the European recovery programme today unanimously decided to boycott the "United Europe" Conference at The Hague next May. It called a rival Congress of European Socialist Parties in Paris for April 25 to determine their policy and "coordinate their efforts towards a united Europe."

A joint declaration by the delegates from 14 European countries said: "The idea of European unity can only be saved from corruption by reactionary politicians if the Socialist place themselves at the head of the movement for its realization."

On the main subject of the Conference—the Marshall Plan programme—the joint declaration said it was urgent that a United States of Europe was established that the 16 nations concerned in the plan should "strengthen the existing common organization in Paris so that a collective policy may be presented to the United States Government."

The declaration called for the extension of international planning in Europe "if European economic independence is to achieve the necessary expression and not least to minimize the temptation to secession."

Colonies

Saying that European unity "cannot rest on economic factors alone," but must express "spiritual and intellectual community," the declaration stated that the Spanish people were prevented from cooperating in the organization of European unity "only by the survival of the Franco regime."

The resources of overseas territories directly associated with Europe should be developed to the mutual advantage of Europe as a whole and of the peoples of the territories concerned," it added.

In view of Europe's economic independence, the declaration regretted the refusal of Russia and of the Eastern European countries under her control to take part in the programme.

The declaration said ERP should remain open to the East European countries on the same terms as to the countries already taking part, and added: "The Conference notes with strong approval that the sponsors of European recovery aid in both

Land Reforms In Czechoslovakia

Prague, Mar. 23. The Czechoslovak Parliament, fired with Communist enthusiasm, enacted a land reform measure at an extraordinary Sunday session.

All land holdings in excess of 50 hectares are being confiscated. Landless peasants will be given an opportunity to acquire the excess acreage under favourable terms.

The set of new agricultural laws also reformed the system of land taxation and provided Government loans for small farmers.

Communist legislators called the measure "the final victory of the peasants over the entrenched landlords."

Rudolf Slansky, General Secretary of the Communist party, told a party meeting at Moravia-Castl that 95 percent of Czechoslovak industry will be nationalized in a matter of weeks.

He said legislation to provide nationalization of all undertakings employing more than 50 persons will be ready for Parliamentary consideration in two weeks. He predicted prompt passage.

Premier Gottwald's campaign to strengthen the Communist party brought in 55,597 new members, party headquarters announced on Sunday.

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Maltese Govt. May Resign

London, Mar. 22. Falling a £500,000 food subsidy by Britain from the end of this month, Malta's Socialist Government may resign and hand responsibility for running the island back to the British Government, informed quarters here said today.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is expected this week to have discussions with Malta's Prime Minister, Dr. Paul Bugeja, who arrived in London last night to discuss the island's financial problems.

So far, no meetings have been arranged, and no decisions about Malta's problems have been taken by the British Cabinet.

Malta's present food subsidy of £450,000 expires this month. Many Maltese expect that, as a result, food prices and wages will rise and the island's economy be upset, including a plan to introduce income tax to finance social services.

It is suggested in some quarters that the setting up of an economic general staff in London, with representatives from Malta and the Home Government, may be proposed.

Official quarters disclaim any knowledge so far of this proposal.—Reuter.

Red Paper Accuses Holland

Moscow, Mar. 23. The Soviet trade union paper, Trud, today accused Holland of "sabotaging" the repatriation of Soviet citizens alleging that some displaced persons were being sent to Canada and Brazil after being "herded in slave markets."

The paper said: "Whenever the question of repatriation of Soviet citizens is taken up in a practical aspect, the Dutch authorities give assurances that they are doing everything in their power."

"But these are only words, and words." Alleging that Dutch Menonites (a minority Protestant sect) were responsible for recruiting Soviet citizens for work in other countries, Trud said they had set up a special camp for displaced persons in which men, "torn away from their homeland, are herded as in oldtime slave labour markets, to be sent to Canada, Brazil, Uruguay and other countries."—Reuter.

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MARDEN:—At Queen Mary's Hospital on 23rd March, to Anne (nee Harris), wife of J. L. Marden, twin daughters.

INFLATED LAND VALUES

Possibly at some time or other somebody will reap the whirlwind. In the meantime, Hong Kong's inflated land values are bringing in fat returns to the Treasury and there is rather more indication that this is being treated as a matter for elation than that it is being more appropriately treated as a subject of concern.

There is, in fact, small cause for official complacency in the sale at auction on Monday of a parcel of 13,200 square feet of land at Shamshui for \$256,000. All that is being developed by the land boom is a vicious circle, of serious potentialities, threatening to create the conditions for permanent stabilisation of house and flat rentals at their present exaggerated level. The tendency is, in short, in direct contradiction of the policy expressed in the Landlords and Tenants Ordinance.

Not that there is anything the Government can fairly do about the situation, however disturbing it may be. While the Colony remains in the "fortunate" position of having large amounts of surplus capital seeking investment, and land remains the most popular outlet, the prospect of lower prices must be small, and it would be unbusinesslike were Government to decline to go in at the top of the market.

In fact, were the revenues from this source more satisfactorily dealt with, the inclination might be to suggest that Government go in and make a killing while the going is good. Here, of course, we come back to an old argument: that income from land sales should not be absorbed automatically into the general revenues of the Colony, but placed in a special account, to be drawn upon for special purposes. In certain circumstances, it might be held back as a provision for lean years, but more general approval would be commanded were revenues from this source to be earmarked for the development of public amenities—those things for which the Government, for some reason or other, never feels that it has sufficient funds.

The various pros and cons of the argument on this treatment of land sale revenues have been exhaustively dealt with for years past and no repetition is necessary. All that might be suggested now is that the Government and its advisers discuss the issue once again, and see whether it cannot discover a change of heart, and a sounder moral approach.

Partition Of Germany

Apart from Marshal Sokolov's theatrical walk-out from the Allied Control Council meeting, new evidence that the Soviet Government expects the partition of Germany to last may be found in the administrative reorganisation just completed in Eastern Germany.

Like the British and American authorities, the Russians have now created a Central Economic Commission to supervise the whole of their zone in which central agencies were already at work.

The reorganisation is likely to speed up the rate of social and economic change and deepen the contrast between Eastern and Western Germany.

Inevitably, the form of the new administration reflects the Soviet view on constitutional matters. The Economic Commission, in contrast with its counterpart in Frankfurt, has far-reaching authority over the five provincial administrations. It will have greater power to act. The Western Allies have preferred to base their hopes of democratic on a lively and dynamic development within the different provinces of

Quisling Lays It On Thick: Assessment Of Singapore

February 2, 1942: One really wonders on what grounds the English had the insolence to declare war on the Axis Powers.

Either they did not know our superiority and their inferiority or else—they intended from the very beginning to have other countries and peoples do their fighting for them.

At any rate, that's where I attack the English vigorously in the German Press and also in our foreign language broadcasts.

But the English won't let themselves be disturbed by the complacency of their arguments. They are a very peculiar people with whom it is difficult to have an argument.

They are obdurate to a degree that gets on one's nerves in the long run. But possibly that is a national advantage rather than a disadvantage.

We Shall See!

February 8: A number of developments that, according to the maps, seem unfavourable to us have led the Bolsheviks once again to utter cries of triumph. They now declare that Kharkov is in immediate danger and that this enables them to strike at the very heart of our troops. Well, we shall see!

The Bolsheviks don't seem to have confidence in their own strength any more. Even their loudest reports of victory indicate that they have their secret doubts.

The Japanese are so cocksure and positive about their prognoses that one can hardly doubt their successes.

On the other hand of course one must not fail to observe that the Japanese now and then exaggerate grossly and that their propaganda is very juvenile.

I therefore gave orders that grossly exaggerated Japanese news items must not be published in the German Press. The English boast that General Auchinleck is about to start a counter-offensive (in North Africa).

That is something, however, that the English always do when things are in bad shape.

Anyway, their news policy is something that we could never afford to imitate. Apparently the English people don't make their Government responsible tomorrow for what it said today.

Easy To Lead

It is extremely easy to lead the English people. The German people are much more sensitive about these matters.

Even today utterances of leading men of the Reich dating back to September and October 1939 are still thrown up at us if things have not come off as prophesied.

Quisling's appointment as Premier (of Norway) has created a sensation in the countries at war with us and has drawn in its wake great waves of angry commentary.

Quisling is hated violently in the entire enemy world and is now the target for vile calumny.

He has actually succeeded in becoming a symbol, although he doesn't really deserve it.

But the more he is attacked abroad, the more it becomes our duty to support him.

I therefore gave the German Press instructions to give him appointment a good build-up and to see to it that with us, at least, he receives favourable publicity.

On the other hand I forbid using the word "Fuehrer" in the German Press when applied to Quisling.

I don't consider it right for the term "Fuehrer" to be applied to any other person than the Fuehrer himself.

Clergy On Trial

I received word from the western part of the Reich that 11 clergymen who are under indictment for listening to English broadcasts are soon to be tried.

I informed the Fuehrer, since this trial will undoubtedly assume a pronouncedly political character.

The Russians, by contrast, have not hesitated to impose upon their zone their own mentality and outlook. No doubt they will hold their Economic Commission in readiness to become a full-fledged government if and when they think this will bring them advantages. The partition of Germany is almost accomplished.



If things went my way, I would inflict the heaviest punishment on these parsons and would possibly even condemn them to death for doing such damage to the Reich.

But of course such a question cannot be handled by itself but must be viewed as part of a larger picture, and it is for the Fuehrer to decide whether or not he considers such a trial desirable at this moment.

The radio programmes have deteriorated very much.

During the hours set aside for entertainment almost nothing but symphonic music is offered. That's what we get for appointing a musical director-general to be responsible for the entertainment programme.

People of this type usually sit in an ivory tower and don't know what the common man wants and what he needs.

Experts are always handicapped in their relation to the common people. They lack the necessary instinct for realising what the people are thinking.

February 4: Quisling gave a long interview about his policies.

He makes the somewhat grotesque claim that in his hands as Premier is concentrated all the power formerly held by the King, the Parliament, and the Prime Minister.

That's laying it on a bit thick, for after all there is a Reich commissioner standing beside him!

Nevertheless we release this version, since naturally we are highly interested in letting the Norwegian Government appear as big and independent as possible.

Casualty Lists

February 5: Figures are now available concerning casualties due to freezing.

We must differentiate between first, second, and third degree injuries.

First-degree frostbite compels the light cases. Generally speaking, the soldier remains with his unit and is treated there.

Up to January 20 there were 4,000 third-degree frostbite cases. In other words, most serious cases.

These 4,000 cases include 1,866 necessitating major amputations.

Besides these 4,000 third-degree cases, 46,600 cases were recorded of first and second degree, that is, injuries of a lighter or medium nature.

Churchill's preparations for the East Asia conflict are being revealed more and more as amateurish. Parliament would undoubtedly have sent him flying long ago if there were an adequate successor.

But look as you will far and wide, there is none to be discovered.

The fact that the Fuehrer himself has taken over active command of the Army is having a wonderful effect.

Recent German successes in the East are credited to him, and rightly so. He has actually saved the Eastern Front.

The Jewish question is again giving us a headache. This time, however, not because we have gone too far, but because we are not going far enough.

Among large sections of the German people the idea is gaining headway that the Jewish question cannot be regarded as solved until all Jews have left the Reich.

No Petrol

February 6: One of the armies (in the East) has reported that marching orders can't be carried out because there is no petrol.

Moscow is exceedingly dissatisfied with the British contribution in other theatres of war.

The Bolsheviks are gradually beginning to understand what a pall and chain they tied to their feet by allying themselves with the British Empire.

They admit that our troops offer great resistance and that it is difficult to attain objectives when facing them.

Generally speaking, one can say that the Eastern Front is no longer what it once was. Despite all the propaganda to the contrary, there is already no hope of further resistance by the German forces.

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Singapore

I am convinced that no matter how nonchalantly they may act about Singapore, its loss will be a real shock to the English people. Churchill is already having a hard time calming public opinion.

Most (British) newspapers think Churchill hasn't gone nearly far enough in reshuffling his Cabinet.

People thought a number of strong men would be included; instead, Churchill got stuck with Beaverbrook.

Beaverbrook seems to have obtained pretty far-reaching powers. But no man with imagination, or a strong character, can maintain his position long beside Churchill.

Churchill delivered a very thin and pretty confused speech in the House, explaining the reconstruction of his Cabinet.

He dwelt especially on the difficulties the British Empire faces in its relations with Australia.

Australia is becoming more and more obstinate and the English world empire faces the danger that, if the crisis within the Commonwealth should develop, Australia may some day incline more towards the United States.

In the evening I took a look at the Italian film motion picture "The Tragedy of Love," the artistic level of which is so far below the normal that it really ought to be prohibited.

The Italians are not only doing nothing about the war effort, but they are hardly producing anything worth while in the realm of the arts.

One might almost say that Fascism has reacted upon the creative life of the Italian people rather like sterilisation.

Secret Message

February 7: We got hold of a secret message of the (British) Foreign Office to its embassies and legations.

It is a warning not to be optimistic about the situation in the East; the German Army will be no means defeated; its power to resist was unbroken; and, as the weather improves, it must be expected to start new offensives.

A number of minor bomb explosions are reported as having occurred in the baggage rooms of Berlin railway stations, among them the Anhalter and Stettiner stations.

I sense a certain danger in this. Any ruffian can hand in his suitcase with a time bomb at three hours later a part of the railway station is blown up.

I am having an inquiry made as to whether luggage can't be controlled more effectively.

But here, as everywhere else, we lack manpower necessary for work like this.

At noon I received the representatives of the Auslands Organisation (Federation of German Living Abroad) and gave them a comprehensive survey of the military and political situation. I was in my best form. I am sure they will return spiritually elated.

February 8: Anglo-American collaboration is the principal theme of the Anglo-Saxon Press.

There seem to be all sorts of difficulties about it. That is because in the much-advertised democracies nobody knows who is to give orders and who is to obey.

Undoubtedly, too, the personal vanities and rivalries between Churchill and Roosevelt play an important role.

We may consider ourselves lucky that we are not opposed by a front that is united ideologically.

Dr. Todt Killed

February 9: In the course of the day a shocking piece of news reached me. Dr. Todt (Minister of Munitions) crashed and was killed on leaving the airport, following a visit at G.H.Q.

The plane, dropped from a height of four hundred metres, and crashed on the ground.

The passengers were so badly buried that it was hardly possible to recover the bodies.

This loss is absolutely devastating. Dr. Todt was one of the really great figures of the Nation at Potsdam, Vienna, and Nuremberg.

The coming months will show

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SO 9
H 8 3
DK 10 5 4
C 9 2

SA 4 3
H 7 5 2
D 8 6 3
CK 10 7 4

7 2
H 10 9 4
DK 7
CA 5 3

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 H Pass 2 5
4 H 4 H

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But when there is someone among them who has the ability to help make history, a senseless and cruel fate tears him from our ranks and leaves a void that simply cannot be filled.

Feb. 10: Of course there are a few English voices stupid enough to doubt the official version of the cause of Todt's death.

That's the way, English gentlemen are: they are nonchalant and polite as long as everything is well with them, but they cast off their masks and reveal themselves as brutal world oppressors the moment an oppressor on their preserves or a man appears on the scene with whom they must reckon.

Beginning on April 5, food rations must be reduced. There can be no doubt that the rationing in force after April 5 will no longer be sufficient to guarantee health and the maintenance of reserves of human labour power.

We must therefore expect a number of developments which we have hitherto been in a position to avoid.

1917 Again

We are now gradually entering upon conditions that in some ways resemble those of World War I during its third year.

It is quite obvious that a war which extends over so long a period of time, and encompasses such tremendous spaces of territory, is bound to generate on the new old's food economy.

It is satisfying and comforting, however, to know that similar conditions obtain in England also, so that our difficulties are not so much due to the blockade as to the long duration of the war.

Criticism in certain parts of Bavaria are nothing to be proud of. Some of the leaders, including those of the party, are trying in every way possible to escape war duty.

Once England's world domination has been broken, the element of constant unrest and nervousness in world affairs will no doubt have disappeared.

West opened the A of his partner's spades and then led the 4—suit. When East won that with the 10 he counted West as now being blank of the suit, since the 3 was lower than any card not in sight, and hence was the last which West held. He therefore returned the spade K to the third trick, confident West would trump it. But South, ruffed and West played the 4.

East was fit to be tied, but he could do nothing about it. South knocked out the heart A with a trump lead, won the return club Q and then used diamonds to discard clubs from his hand.

If West had played the 4 on the second spade trick, East—by sending the 2—would have counted on his partner to hold that card. He then would have returned his club Q instead of a third spade. That would have removed South's A. When the declarer later lost to the heart A, a second club lead would have set him.

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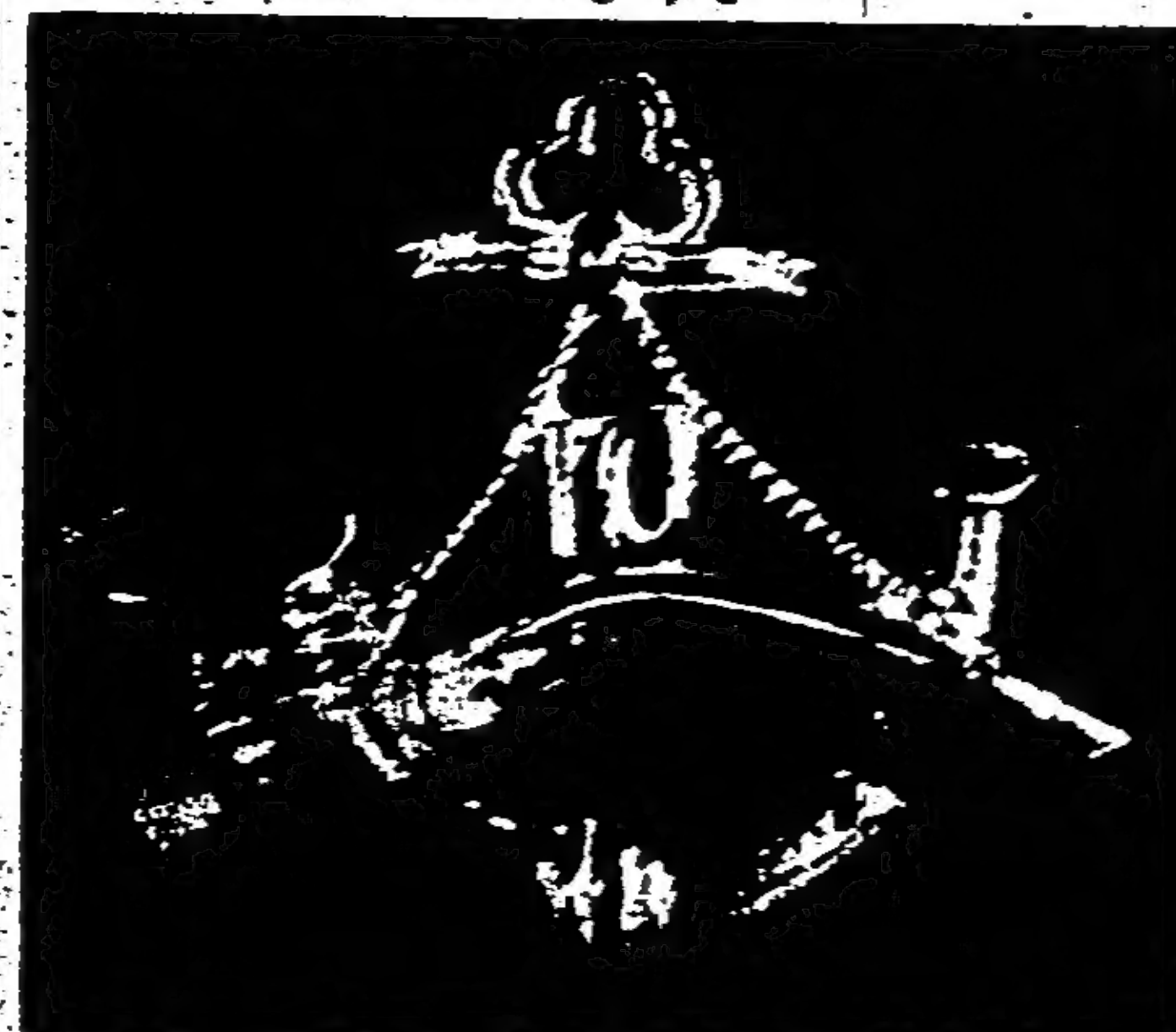
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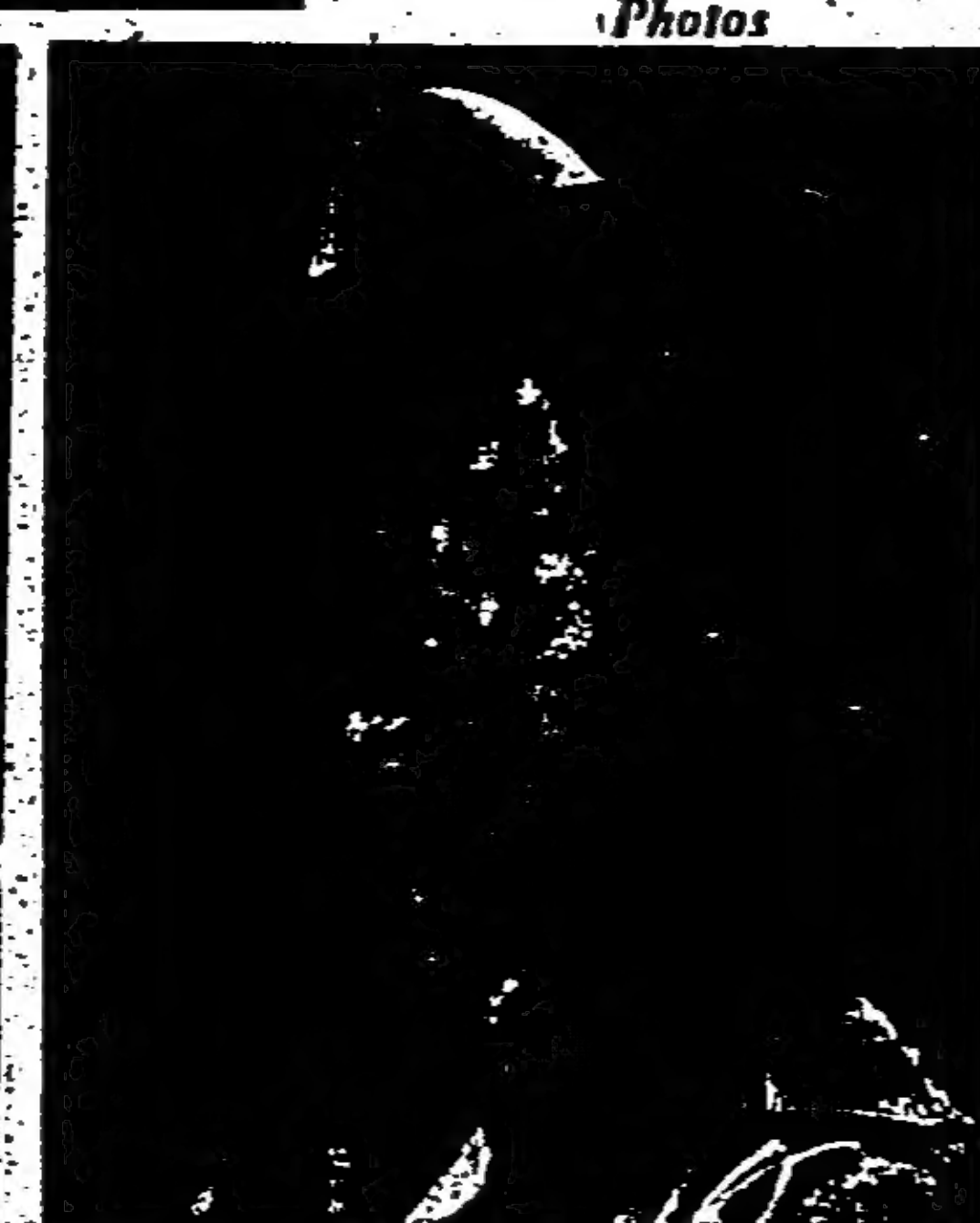
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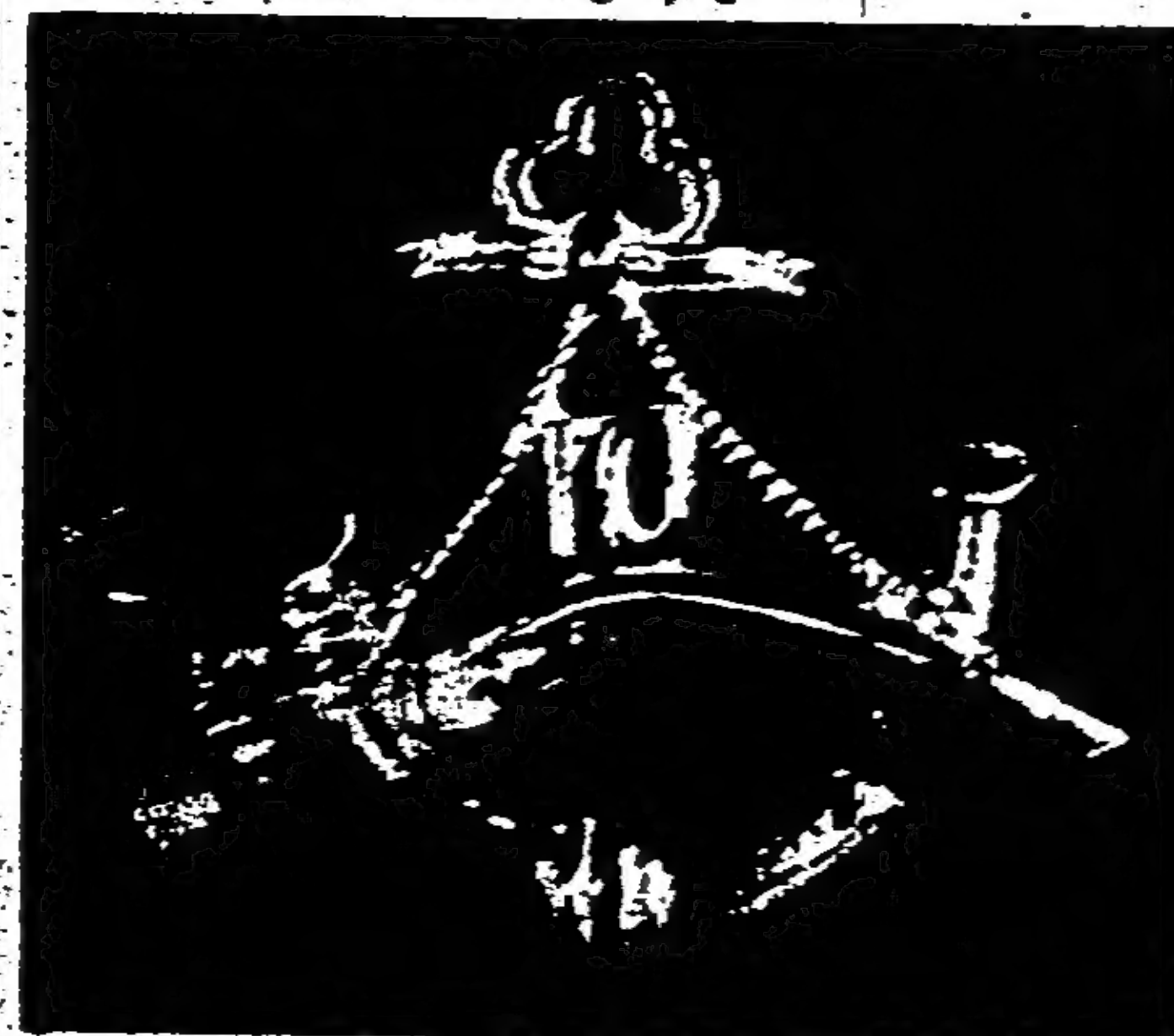
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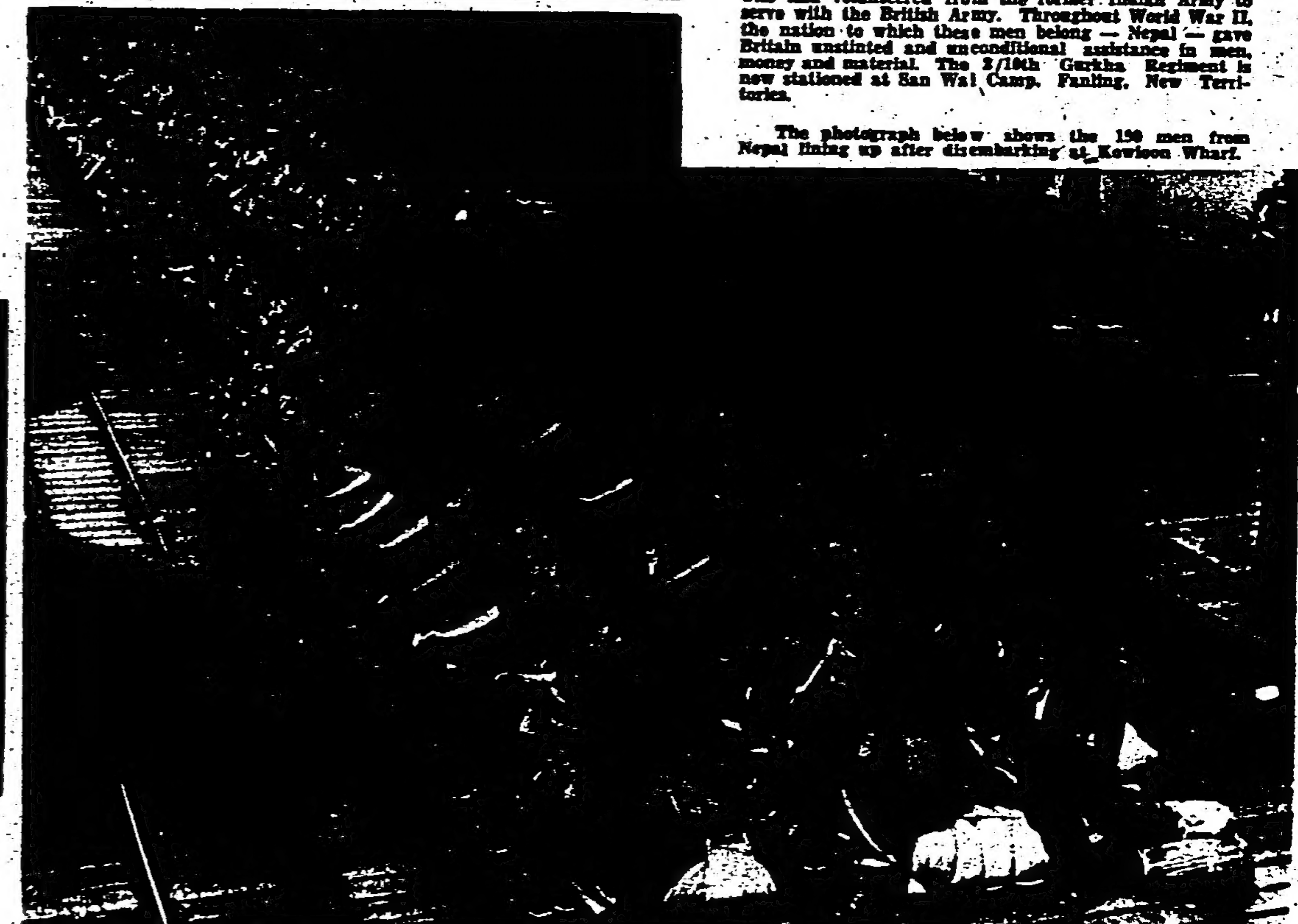
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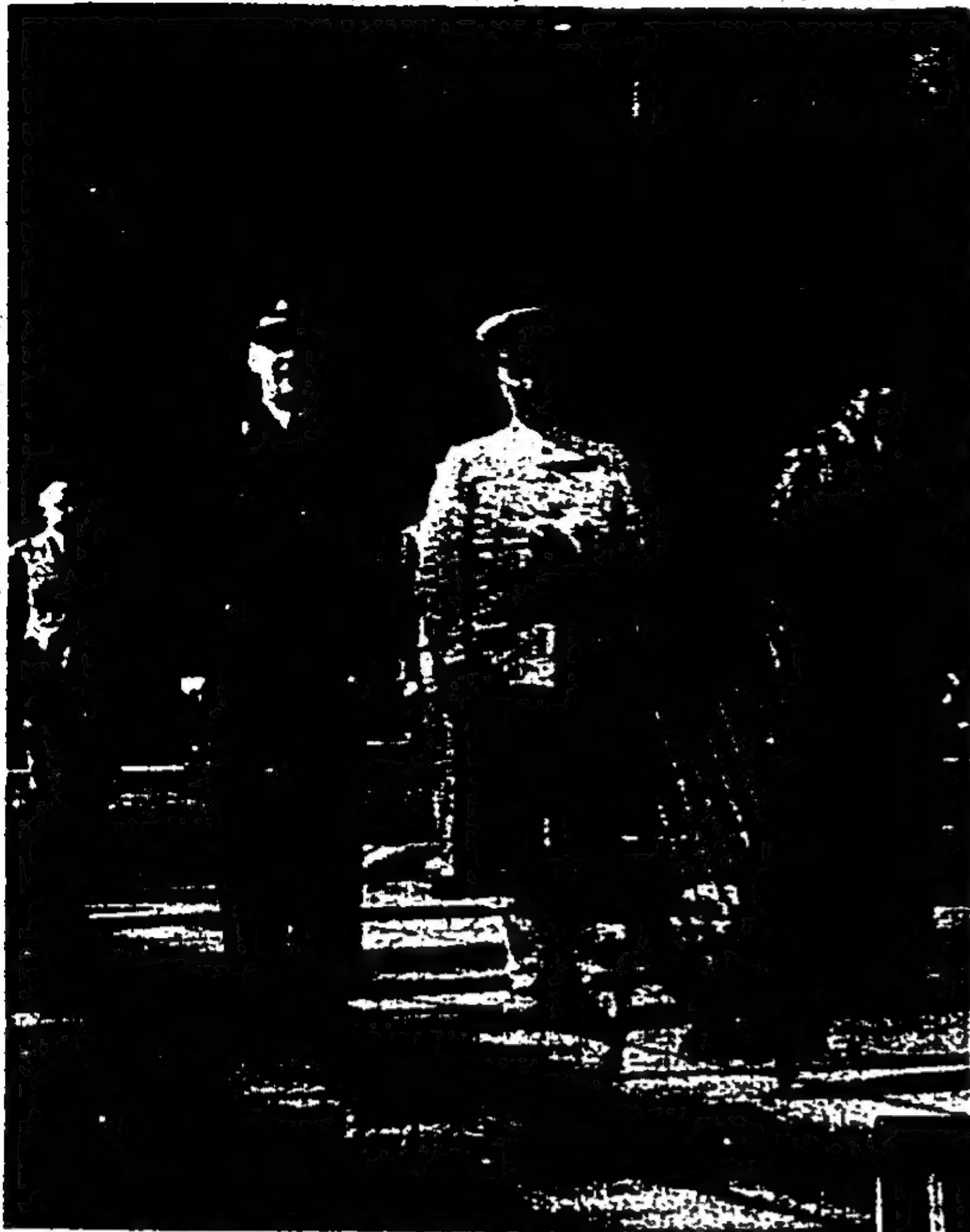
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St. Patrick's Ball at the Hong Kong Hotel on Mar. 18 was a great success. Indicative of the joviality that prevailed throughout the evening is the picture above. (China Mail Photo).

The President of St. Patrick's Society, Mr. W. la Bart Sparrow (acting Commissioner of Police), the Vice-President, Ser. Capt. T. N. d'Arcy, and Lt. Col. D. A. Shaw, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding Officer of the 1st. Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, placed wreaths at the Cenotaph on St. Patrick's Day. (Francis Wu).



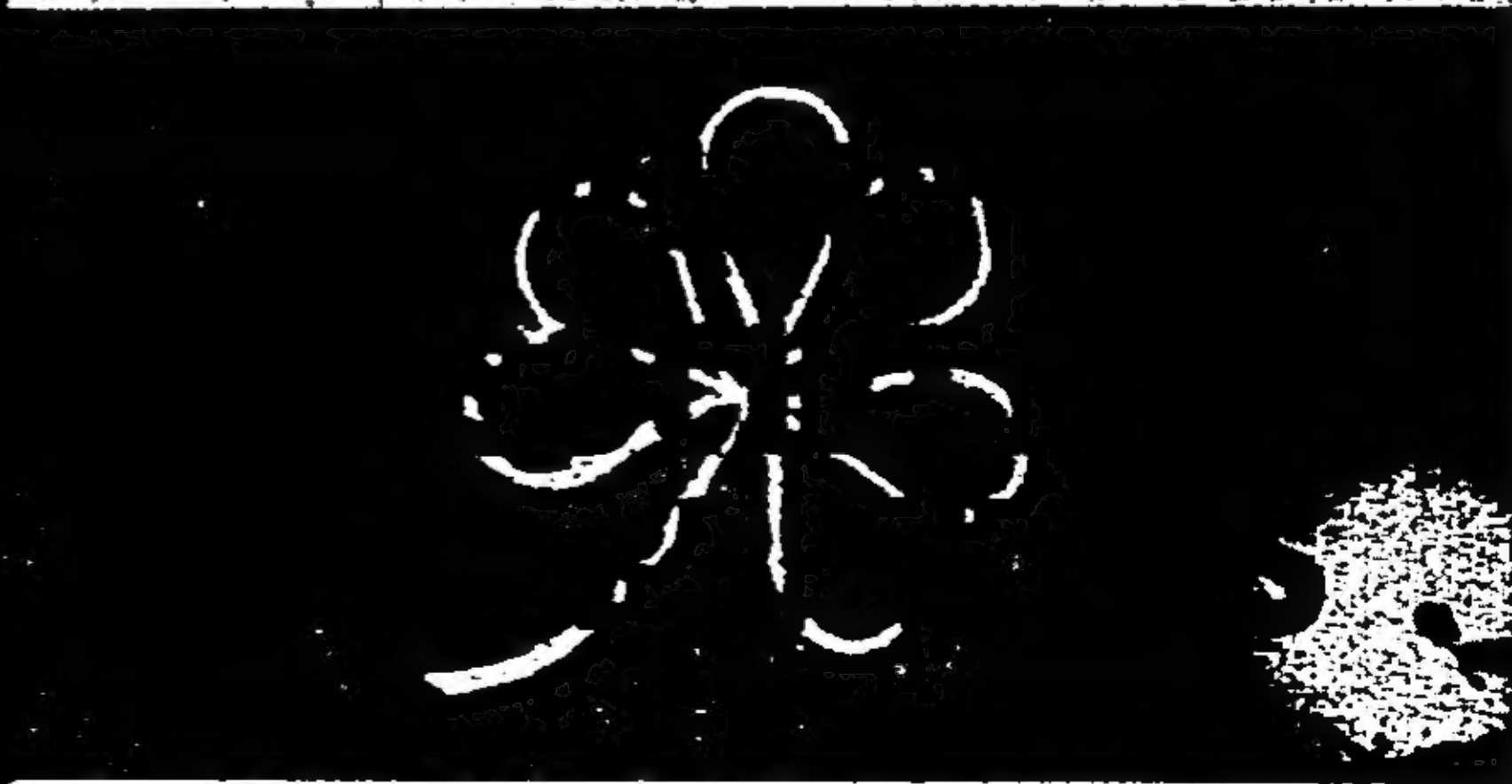
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, was among the distinguished guests at St. Patrick's Ball at the Hong Kong Hotel on Mar. 18. (China Mail Photo).



There was a distinguished gathering at St. Patrick's Ball. Included at the table in the photo above are Governor and Lady Grantham, and Major-General Erskine. (China Mail Photo).



Above is a picture of one of the many individual parties at St. Patrick's Ball. Among the seated at the table are Mr. and Mrs. W. Ramsey. (China Mail Photo).



Individual members of St. Patrick's Society entertained their friends at St. Patrick's Ball. Above is the party of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo. Mr. Clemo is the Manager of the China Light and Power, Co. Ltd. (China Mail Photo).



The group photo above was taken at a dinner party at the Kam Loong Restaurant recently given by the Friesland Trading Co., Ltd in honour of Messrs. A. A. Bouwens and G. J. F. Staverman of Cooperative Condensfabrick Friesland, Leeuwarden, Holland. Among those present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bonnerman, and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Allaye, besides the entire staff of the Friesland Trading Co.

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Below is the A.T.S. Independent Platoon of Headquarters Land Forces, Hong Kong. The Officer Commanding the Platoon is Junior Commander E. Morgan, seated in the centre of the second row. (Gainsborough Studio).

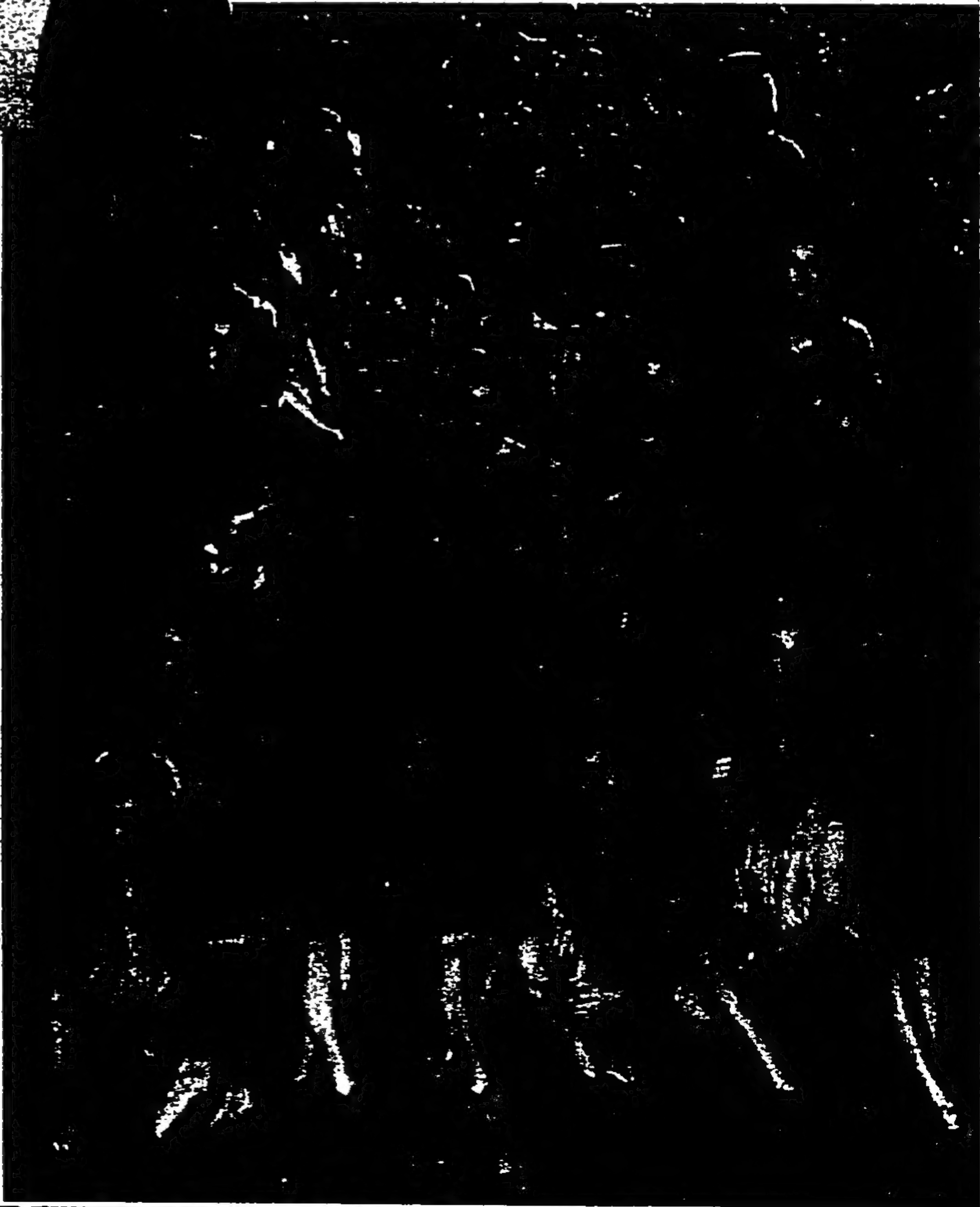


St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Hong Kong were featured by a ceremonial parade at Murray Barracks on Mar. 16 by the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

According to traditional custom, all the officers and men in the regiment received sprigs of shamrock. The G.O.C. Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine is seen above distributing the sprigs to the officers.



Lt. Col. Shaw, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, salutes the G.O.C. before receiving a sprig of shamrock from Major-General Erskine.





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If UNO Survives It Will Be A Miracle

New York, Tuesday.
UNO is lying down and dying right before the eyes of 140,000,000 Americans. But if there is a doctor in the house he hasn't been heard from. The patient is suffering from shock, exposure, malnutrition, and sheer neglect.

Today the pulse is almost imperceptible, the eyes glassy, the tongue lolling. If UNO survives it will be a miracle. It is a chronic invalid, and no one apparently wants to treat it, operate, or even put a soothing hand on its forehead.

The responsibility for the sickness of UNO is, of course, that of all the member nations, but it is chiefly Russia's, America's, and Britain's.

Here there is little faith left in the Organization. It is described as powerless and hopeless. Some politicians are even suggesting a new international "supreme council" outside UNO.

Ike Is Silent

In Washington, which Frank Owen and I visited for three days this week, there is polite reluctance to talk about the United Nations.

The politicians, instead, speak of politics. There are some who think President Truman will be dumped, that although he is titular head of the Democratic Party he will be asked not to run.

Rebels in the party want him to stand down on the ground that the Democrats cannot possibly win with the present President as standard bearer.

They are trying to persuade General Eisenhower to reconsider his decision not to hold himself available. But Ike is silent, and the Republicans, sniffing victory, are so beyond themselves that they imagine they can win with a cipher.

While we were in the capital we lunched at the Embassy with the British Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, who is retiring. The Ambassador talked of his days in Russia, paid tribute to the strength and poise and humour of Stalin when he knew him, and described stories of the Soviet leader's alleged ill-health as being unlikely.

Washington appeared rather listless and depressed. Residents there are not allowed to vote or to stand at bars, which might be the reason. The gayest place is the National Press Club, where the Editor and I expended some time and energy.

The passage of the Marshall Plan is considered a hundred to one certainty by everyone who knows anything in Washington. Only the merest handful of isolationists are muttering that there will always be an England so long as the United States is here to finance it.

The capital's confident tip for the Presidency is Senator Arthur Vandenberg, an enlightened internationalist in recent years, ex-newspaper publisher, fine orator, and the most respected man in the Republican Party.

Fears of a financial crash in the United States have vanished along the Potomac. Washingtonians think prosperity is here to stay.

The most discussed book in the capital is "Jim Farley's Story: The Roosevelt Years," a bitter, biased volume on which the Chicago Tribune correspondent collaborated. It sets out to prove that Roosevelt was a petty politician, but merely demonstrates that Farley is a disappointed man.

It is unfortunate that more than two years after Roosevelt's death the vicious attacks on him continue.

There has been an avalanche of social events. We gave Frank Owen a big send-off at the Daily Mail office the other night. Over 100 newspapermen, actors, and actresses turned up, including most New York editors and columnists.

Smashers Or Flops
Hollywood specialists engaged in discovering what's wrong with entertainment now come up with the assertion that there is no longer such a thing as average business. The box-office is either terrific or terrible. Films are either smash hits or frightful flops.

The public will no longer flock to mediocre pictures, however great the name of the star. The lesson, therefore, is to improve the quality of the celluloid.

Hollywood need not have hired experts to discover that. It has been a bad week on Broadway for the British. J. B. Priestley's "The London Tree" was brutally manhandled by the critics and folded last Saturday night after less than a week's run.

Noel Coward's revival of "Tonight at 8.30" is also due to close soon, after savage notices which said the wit, dialogue, and situations had worn badly.

By contrast there are glowing reports from London of the success of Mao West and other American performers.

All On Television
Most showmen are still putting their money hopes on tele-

vision revitalising the entire film, theatre, and radio business.

Stripteasing is creeping back into Manhattan after years of prudery. Baroque is booming along Fifty-second Street, where the poolers are bringing in the dollars.

Arthur Rank arrives tomorrow, and along with some hundreds I am invited to interview the magnate.

The latest suggestion to solve the tax deadlock is 25 per cent freeze, 25 per cent transference to the U.S. and 50 per cent levy.

Mary Pickford plans a large-scale production of films in England with all-American casts. She is one of the shrewdest women in the show business.

The Next Subject

Alfred Hitchcock and Sidney Bernstein sail at the month's end to make "Under Capricorn," starring Ingrid Bergman. Individual "Pictures" David Pursall dropped in to say a round-the-world tour to say that Jean Simmons, who has been on location in the Fiji Islands, is a sensation in "The Blue Lagoon."

Judy Canova is the latest star to be offered many thousands of dollars to appear at London's Palladium.

Most publicised new actress here is Italia Vaili, who is something very special in looks and talent.

Hollywood says leap year is the time when girls look on the bride side of life.

CZECH EX-MINISTERS ARRESTED

Prague, Mar. 22.

M. Jan Sramek, former Czech Vice-Premier, and M. Hala, former Minister of Posts, were arrested yesterday while trying to leave Czechoslovakia illegally by air, it was officially announced here tonight.

They were arrested on Sunday at the "Aero Club" airport, according to a Ministry of the Interior announcement while waiting for a foreign aircraft which, with the help of diplomatic officials of a "certain foreign power," was to take them abroad secretly.

The plane circled over the airport but did not land because a group of Sunday "volunteers" was working nearby.

Large sums of Czechoslovak and foreign money were found on the two men.

The Action Committee of the People's Party (Catholics) today decided to expel M. Sramek, its former Chairman, because of his "attempt to flee abroad."

M. Hala was expelled from the People's Party on March 6.

Both 77-year-old M. Sramek and 54-year-old M. Hala were among the eight Ministers whose resignations brought the Czech crisis to a head last month.

During the second World War, M. Sramek was Premier of the Czech Government in exile in London.

It was planned to use a special plane of foreign origin which would pick them up from a civilian airport at Ratonik, about 50 miles north west of Prague, the official announcement said. Normally, it was to be expected that the rarely-used airport would be deserted on a Sunday and that a foreign plane could land and take off again without being stopped.

But when they arrived this Sunday, they found the airport full of activity because of the national extra-days work requiring all Czechoslovaks to treat Sunday as a working day, the announcement added.—Reuter.

Benes' Relative

Passau, Mar. 23.
American authorities said today that a chemist claiming to be a distant relative of Dr. Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, had arrived in Germany.

"End Of The British Empire"

London, Mar. 22.
The Daily Express today forecast the "end of the British Empire" if a plan alleged to be under consideration by Washington's State Department, for the United States to take over Britain's economic responsibilities in Australia, India, New Zealand and Egypt, goes through.

The Daily Express said the New York Times had indicated the existence of such a plan. The Express attacked the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and most of his colleagues, for having "damaged" the sterling area.

The paper also indicated that because of this, South Africa was moving towards a separate monetary system.

"The New York Times forecasts a now and terrible price that Britain will have to pay for the proposed second injection of dollar aid," said the Daily Express editorial said.—Reuter.

The suggestion, prompted by the coup in Czechoslovakia, was made in the House of Commons by squadron-leader Patrick Donnelly, Conservative.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that none of the signatories—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—had at any time suggested that such arrangements would be useful.

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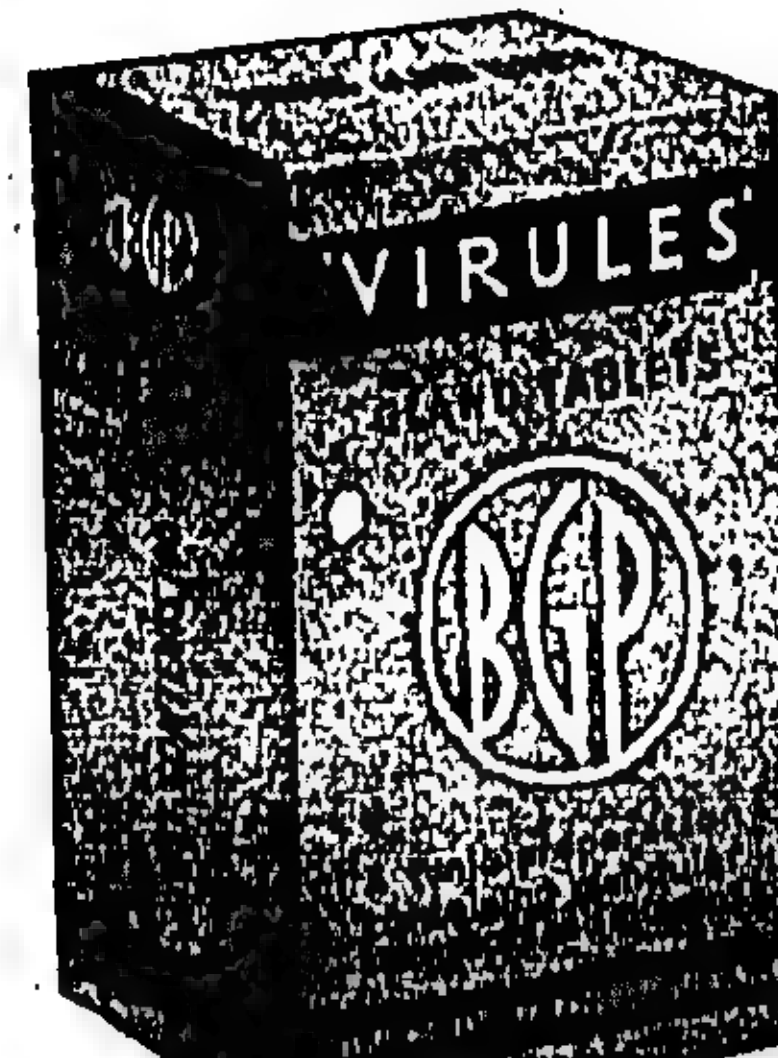
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YUGOSLAV GOVT. PROTESTS
Accuses Three Powers Of "Poisoning Her
Relations" With Italy
—Opposition Voiced To
Trieste Proposal

London, Mar. 22.
Yugoslavia today protested "most energetically" against the British, American and French proposal to return the Free Territory of Trieste to Italy and accused the three powers of "poisoning relations" between her and Italy.

Coming less than 48 hours after the three Western powers had announced their proposal in a surprise move a month before Italy's general elections, the protest was contained in a seven-point note handed by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Stanoye Simic, to the British, French and United States Ministers in Belgrade.

Protesting, "most energetically" against the way in which the three governments raised the question of revision of the Italian peace treaty concerning the fate of Trieste, the note said: "The Yugoslav Government protests against the fact that while it was necessary to obtain Italy's consent, it was not deemed necessary to obtain the consent of Yugoslavia, the Allied country most concerned."

"This method of procedure leads to the supposition that the aim of the proposal is not to find the best solution of the Trieste problem and the regulation of relations between the peoples of Southern Europe, but that it is in the nature of propaganda and does not conduce to the consolidation of world peace."

"Chauvinists"

It also said the Anglo-American military administration in Trieste had poisoned the relations between Yugoslavia and Italy by "giving full reign to Italian Fascist and Chauvinist elements," had prevented a settlement in Trieste, and had set up a "military totalitarian regime by popular participation."

Yugoslavia maintained that the advancing of such a proposal during the Italian electoral campaign "can only serve to support a Chauvinist hatred against the peoples of Yugoslavia and poison internal relations in Italy."

The Italian Government today sent messages to the British, United States and French Governments accepting their proposal for returning Trieste to Italy.

Count Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, announced in a broadcast speech Italy's acceptance of the proposal and her thanks to the three Western powers.—Reuter.

Finnish
Police
Tainted?

Helsinki, Mar. 22.

Four Right Wing parties addressed a question to the Government today, hinting that the Finnish police were being heavily infiltrated, presumably by the Communist Party although the parties failed to name those responsible.

The groups which supported the question were the Agrarians, Conservatives, Liberals and Swedish People's Party.

The question was: Is the Government aware of the effort made to exchange police staff and make promises on grounds of the political opinion of those concerned and that police authority to a great extent has been given to people who do not belong to the regular police?

The Communist Party holds the country's interior portfolio.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Prime Minister, Mr. Mauno Pekkala, suffering from a bad ear inflammation, had been examined by two leading specialists, who told him he would not be able to join the delegation in Moscow until late this week at the earliest.—United Press.

Easter
Leave
Suspended

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.

Defence Minister Rasmus Hansen said today that Easter leave had been suspended for a "part" of Denmark's young military officers and non-commissioned officers.

Danish police recently have reported a number of thefts of weapons from Home Guard depots all over Denmark.

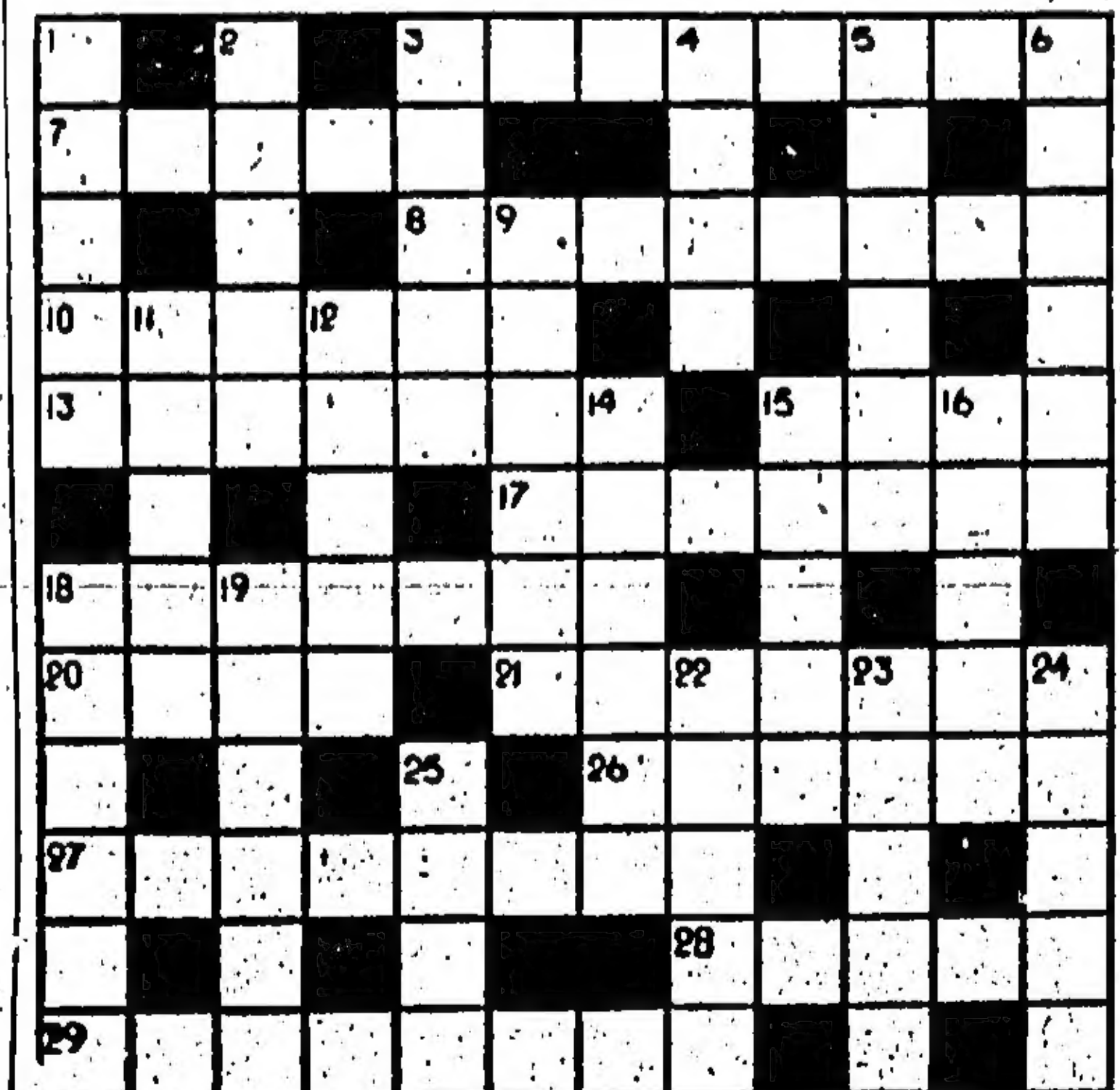
Guards of all military and naval establishments have been doubled since last Saturday, it was learned.

An authoritative source said the action was taken because of the internal political situation.

Another source said the order applied to all cadets and NCO's.—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 22.
Choirs from South America and many European countries have entered for this year's International Blackhead singing at Llangollen, Denbighshire, Wales.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Party in a 17 Perplex.
2 Wild animal. 18 Took away.
3 Precious stone. 19 Wagon.
4 Disquiet. 20 Shortage.
5 Sleeping apartment. 21 Console.
6 Glut. 22 Brigands.
7 28 Swala.
8 29 Tortures.

Clues Down

1 Bushy plant. 14 Demure.
2 Llanany. 15 Mar.
3 Rope. 16 Military.
4 Little devil. 17 Floor player.
5 Creature. 18 Mode of behaviour.
6 Subjects. 19 Ripp.
7 Made reparation. 20 Cut up.
8 Part of a staircase. 21 Pleasant.
9 Mistake.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Spread. 5 Daubs. 8 Bloom. 9 Sullen. 10 Nudge. 11 Total. 12 Alar. 13 Tense. 14 Delect. 15 Ceased. 20 Bemo. 22 Dial. 23 Ether. 24 Extra. 26 Needed. 27 Grade. 28 Arked. 29 Slides.
Down—1 Sustains. 2 Reliance. 3 Abet. 4 Denotes. 5 Donated. 6 Amulet. 7 Bogus. 14 Reminded. 15 Explodes. 16 Distard. 17 Legends. 19 Emerge. 21 Taxes. 24 Retl.

Bidault Confers
With De Gasperi

Turin, Mar. 22.
M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, who, on Tuesday, disclosed here the Allied proposal to revise the Italian treaty and restore Trieste to Italy, met the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, today.

M. Bidault met Signor de Gasperi at Crea, near Turin, one of the most famous shrines of Northern Italy. Both, with their wives, prayed before the high altar in the 12th-century shrine.

After worshipping, the two statesmen had a long private talk.—Reuter.

Flora Bella
Off To The
Country

London, Mar. 23.

Flora Bella, the society cow, whose London town house is next door to Mr. Winston Churchill, is about to leave for the summer season in the country.

Flora Bella is a handsome Jersey owned by Sir Roderick and Lady Jones. During the winter she lives in a stable at the back of her home in the Hyde Park Gate district.

Lady Jones, who is the novelist, Enid Bagnold, said the cow was brought in from the Jones' Sussex home to supplement the milk ration.

"My daughter Laurian looks after Flora Bella and milks her twice a day."

And when the Churchills run out of milk they often get some of Flora Bella's two gallons a day yield.—Associated Press.

ACCIDENTAL
DEATH

Midhurst, Mar. 23.

A Coroner's jury found today that Mrs. Valerie Josephine Lee, daughter of a Baronet, met an accidental death in her fall from a speeding train near here.

The Coroner said she sometimes "wrongly took too much alcohol."—Associated Press.

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"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	20th Apr.
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVOSE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	17th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam	10th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	1st May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
"TREVOSE"	Shanghai & Japan	17th June

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"RUBYSTONE"	Shanghai	10th Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"RUBYSTONE"	Shanghai	29th Mar.
"RUBYSTONE"	Singapore	12th Apr.

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"BOISSEvain" South Africa South Africa Mid April, South America South America Mid April.

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Due from Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ" Swatow & Amoy, 31st March, Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, 2nd April.

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Due from Loading for
"GAASTERKERK" Japan, 30th March, Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo 30th & 31st March
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Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo early May.

"RIDDERKERK" Europe, Early May
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ARRIVALS		
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Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	20th March	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
Pacific Coast	24th March	m.v. "MINDORO"
	Mid April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
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BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 98 1/2, 2050, 20400;
(Loan, Rev.) 4120 1/2.
Chartered Bank 4120.
Merrill Lynch A. & B. 221 1/2.
Bank of East Asia 1200.

INSURANCE
Canton Ins. 4 1/2.
Union Ins. 27 1/2, 300.
China Underwriters 8, 7 1/2.
H.K. Fire Ins. (K.D.) 2200.

SHIPPING
Douglas 200.
H.K. & S. Steamship 10.
India China (Pref.) 100; (Def.) 200.
Shells (Beaver) 74 1/2.
U. Waterfront 4 1/2.

DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & S. Wharves (O) 1700, 1600;
(N) (P. 10) 1400; (N) (P. 10) 1000.
H.K. Docks 31 1/2.
China Wharves 25 1/2, 2400.
Shanghai Dockyards 20.

MINING
Hanch Mines 6 1/2, 7.
H.K. Mines 34.
LANSHAN HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. Hotels 10 1/2, 20, 10 1/2, 10 1/2.
H.K. Lands (O) 22 1/2, 200; (New) 90 1/2, 21 1/2.
Shanghai Lands 6 1/2, 8 1/2.
Hanch Mines 25 1/2.
H.K. Hotels 100.
Chinese Estates 1000.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways (K.D.) 22 1/2, 22.
22 1/2, 200.
Peak Tram (O) 23 1/2; (New) 100.
Star Ferry 120.
Nanmou Ferry 60.
C. Lights (O) 23 1/2, 24, 23 1/2, 24.
(New) 100.
H.K. Electric 20 1/2, 6 1/2, 20 1/2.
Municipal Electric 100.
Sinhua Electric 100.
Telephone (O) 48 1/2; (New) 40.
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2.

INDUSTRIALS
Cable, Hanch (O) 21 1/2.
Canton Iron 7.
Concrete (K.D.) 48, 12 1/2, 4300.
H.K. Paper 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 1/2.

STORES &c.
Dairy Farms (K.D.) 10 1/2, 6 1/2, 600;
(Right) 21 1/2, 27 1/2.
Watsons (K.D.) 52, 610; (Right) 27 1/2, 20.
Lane, Crawford 58 1/2.
Sincere 500.
China Emporium 10.
Sun Co. Ltd. 6 1/2.
Kwong Sang Hong 200.
Wing On (H.K.) 140.
Wing, Powell, Ltd. 100.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainment (K.D.) 55 1/2.
H.K. Construction (O) 61; (N) 60.
Vibro Pump 10.
Merriman Investments 13 1/2.
Merriman (H.K.) 1400.

COTTONS
Kwong 20.
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Telong 2000, 500, 1000, 500.

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The measure provides \$363 million economic aid to the Chinese under the "applicable provisions of the European recovery programme" and under the supervision of the ERP administrator.

Economic aid would be a help in financing imports of food and other consumer goods and in improving roads and factories.

A Grant
Senator Vandenberg said the remaining \$100 million was "a grant to China to be used to suit its own necessities and purposes."

Asked if it could be used for military purposes, Senator Vandenberg said that was up to the Chinese Government.

He said it could be used to buy weapons or for other military purposes "if such is the option of the Chinese Government."

The \$100 million is to be placed at the disposal of the President, who will arrange for the terms of the grant with the Chinese authorities.

Package Aid
Senator Vandenberg emphasized, however, that it was for the Chinese to say how the \$100 million was to be used, as the President only arranged for the fiscal terms of the grant.

The Senate measure differs from the one approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which approved the entire \$570 million for the 15-month period but earmarked \$150 million for military expenditures and \$420 million for economic aid.

The House provisions are wrapped up in the "package" foreign aid bill, also calling for \$5,300 million for the ERP, \$275 million military aid for Greece and Turkey, and \$60 million for the International Children's Fund of the United Nations.

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SECURITIES:
British Consols, 3 1/2% 77
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2% 104 1/2
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 100 1/2
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Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 103 1/2

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102/54 101 1/2
104/50 101 1/2
106/53 101 1/2

FOREIGN BONDS:
German Loan (Dawes) 7 1/2% 9
Japanese 5 1/2% 107 1/2
Japanese 6 1/2% 104 1/2
Jap. S. Manchurian Ry. 5 1/2% 102 1/2

MINING SHARES:
Consolidated Goldfields of S. Africa 4 1/2% 52 1/2
Consolidated Tin Mines of S. Africa 4 1/2% 45 1/2
New Union Goldfields 4 1/2% 58 1/2
Orange Free State Trust 4 1/2% 40 1/2
West Rand Investment Trust 4 1/2% 40 1/2
Free State Development 4 1/2% 40 1/2
Randfontein 4 1/2% 40 1/2
Cons. Main Reef 4 1/2% 40 1/2
Sant Helena 4 1/2% 40 1/2
De La Rue, ord. 4 1/2% 40 1/2
E.A. Brewster 4 1/2% 40 1/2
West Driftenfontein 4 1/2% 40 1/2
Lydenburg Estates 4 1/2% 40 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL BONDS:
Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5 1/2% 13
Luan-Ping-U-Jai Ry., 5 1/2% 13
Ream. Loan, 5 1/2% 100
101 1/2 100
Crisp Loan, 5 1/2% 101 1/2
Hankow Railway, 5 1/2% 101 1/2
Hankow Railway, 5 1/2% 101 1/2
Shanghai-Nanking Railway, 5 1/2% 101 1/2
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Mar. 24, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

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Salon

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Mar. 24, BOAC (Capt. Payne) 8 a.m.

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Mar. 25, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

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Mar. 26, BOAC (Capt. Foster) 7.30 a.m.

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June 2, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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Mar. 25, BOAC (Capt. Johnson) 6 a.m.

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Letters, telegrams, parcels, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

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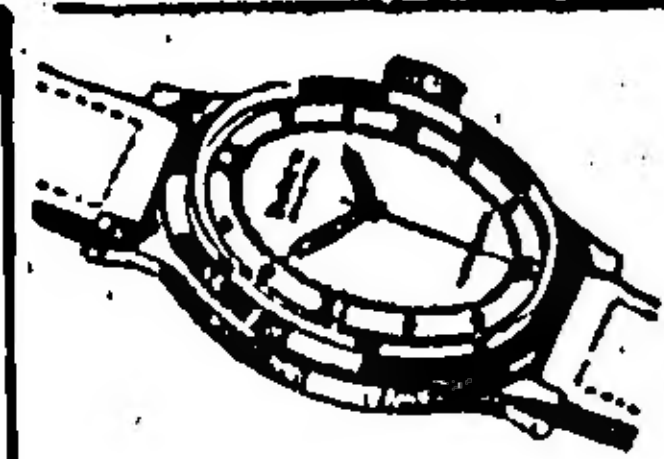
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KOREA'S FUTURE

Nanking, Mar. 23. Korea faces a "Czech" future, said Mr. K. P. S. Menon, Indian Ambassador, who served as head of the United Nations Korean Commission, on arrival in Nanking from Korea.

He said that Korea was caught between "two blocs" of nations, but the United Nations was doing its best to resolve the difficulties now confronting the Korean people. — Reuter-AAP.

Opium In Kwangtung

Twenty-nine magistrates, administering different counties in Kwangtung, have been charged with inefficiency in dealing the oppression of opium poppy cultivation. It was officially announced in Canton, according to Chinese press despatches yesterday.

It was also announced that the authorities had destroyed more than 2,000 acres of poppy fields, most of which were in disrepair in outlying districts in Swatow.

The price of opium is now at a premium in Kwangtung. Prices are being quoted as high as CN\$5,000,000 an ounce, it was disclosed in Canton. The pre-war rate was only CN\$5 an ounce.

The Canton messages said that in some areas troops had to be called out to assist in destroying poppy fields.

Police Recruits Wanted

Recruiting of Police Constables for the Hong Kong Police Force (Water Police) has recommenced.

Applicants must be able to read and write Chinese and should possess the following qualifications:

Height—5 ft. 6 inches, Chest—33 inches, Weight—120 lbs. and Age—20 to 25 years.

Successful Candidates will be required to serve as Constables on Police Launches.

Applicants are to report in person to Chief Inspector, Water Police, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Mar. 22. Football and rugby matches—
First Division: Aston Villa 0 Manchester United 0
Rugby Union: Crompton 0 Newbridge 12.—Reuter

ARMY HOCKEY

In the semi-final of the Army Hockey competition yesterday H.Q. Land Forces beat Inniskillings by three goals to one.

EUROPEAN TITLE CHANGES HANDS

Nottingham, Mar. 22. Ray Famechon, of France, became the European featherweight champion here tonight when he beat the holder, Ronnie Clayton, of England, on points over 15 rounds.

It was a fast contest throughout. The Frenchman, using a rapier-like left hand, dictated matters and rarely allowed Clayton to pursue his favourite tactics of getting in close quarters.

The Englishman was bewildered by the speed with which his opponent threw his punches and, by the tenth round, was far behind that only a knockout could have preserved his skin.

Famechon began in fine style, driving Clayton round the ring. In an attempt to throw his opponent out of his stride, Clayton concentrated on the body and clearly shook Famechon on at least two occasions in the second round and again in the seventh.

By the tenth round Clayton's left eye was nearly closed and Famechon began to exploit a punishing right hook, which had Clayton clearly in trouble in the 14th round when only courage kept him on his feet.

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Schoolboy Scores Two Goals

Sing Tao's long run of successes was broken yesterday when they were well beaten by South China in the First Division of the Football League by three clear goals, two of which were scored in the first half.

South China played fast football, were quick in their tackling and used their wingers to a very great extent. It was through them that all the raids on the Sing Tao goal started.

Once South China had scored their first goal they played inspired football. The defence worked hard under pressure and were bent on clearing their lines at all cost. Chan Tak-fai led the forwards well and received excellent support from Au Chi-yin, a Queen's College student, who netted two goals.

In the defence Lee Wan-woo played well in goal. In the second half he was peppered with shots from all angles and brought off some good saves. He was very lucky on several occasions. Again Sing Tao forwards could not get going. Their halves did not give them much support. Hui and Soong crowded too much to work the centre and the left wing was left unmarked. Mal Yung-sang had his time fully occupied and could not assist him much.

Yee Yu-tak played one of his worst games this season. He was at fault with all three goals and his worst error was the second when he fumbled a weak shot for Tong Sheng to run in to score.

Except for occasional breakaways, which were dangerous Sing Tao held the upper hand at the commencement of the match. Play was rather robust and the timely action of the referee in pulling up several players prevented the game from becoming rough.

A centre by Lau She-wah resulted in Au Chi-yin scoring and shortly after Tong Sheng scored another for South China when Yee gave him a chance.

These reverses put Sing Tao on their mettle and they let loose a terrific onslaught on the South China goal. Luck was with South China and a number of shots at goal were blocked.

On at least three occasions Sing Tao should have scored. Lai Shui-wing and Ho Ying-fan missed when well placed, and Hui Kung-seng had the motivation of the second goal. The second goal was a pile driver which hit the uprights with Lee out of position and shortly after another hard drive was saved by Lee Wan-woo.

As time grew short Sing Tao pressed hard. Tee Kam-ho was weak on the left wing and Chan Kam-hoi and Fung King-cheong were unable to manoeuvre for a shooting position.

South China scored their third goal when Au Chi-yin netted from a corner.

Best China Lee Wan-woo; Yuen Yau-shing and Li Shik-chung; Sun Yau-shing and Lau Wing-chai and Lau Wing-kwan; Lee Yai, Au Chi-yin, Chan Tak-fai, Tong Sheng and Lau Shik-wai.

Sing Tao: Yee Yu-tak; Hui Yung-mann and Mok Lau Tin-sun; Hui King-seng and Soong Lin-sing; Ho Ying-fan; Fung King-cheong; Chan Kam-hoi; Lai Shui-wing and Tee Kam-ho.

Millions Too Much

Mo Yan-tak, 57-year-old Merchant from Shanghai, was a multi-millionaire when he arrived at Kai Tak airfield by CNAC plane at 1 p.m. on March 22.

He had with him CN\$509,800,000, which was plenty of cash for anyone to carry anywhere, especially in Hong Kong where the importation of cash is governed by the Defence (Finance) Regulations.

Chinese Revenue Officer 63 got on to the \$99 million, and asked the owner to accompany him to the Police Station where he was booked on the charge of carrying over the limit permitted.

Multi-millionaire Mo was allowed out on bail of \$10, which was a mere trifle for him. He failed to appear before Mr. W. A. Elphinstone at Kowloon yesterday.

The CN\$509,800,000 was ordered to be confiscated to the Bank of China. The total value of the confiscated money, in terms of Hong Kong currency, was approximately \$1,000,000.

Woman Taken Out Of Court

"Take that woman out of the court," said Mr. F. X. d'Almada when Chan Tsan Yee's mother, on hearing that her son had been sentenced to eighteen months hard labour, began to weep and scream saying that her son had been assaulted and asked for money.

Defendant was charged with larceny of two cheques from Wong Yuk King on March 9 and with being a member of an unlawful society, the Fel "Lung" Tong Triad Society. Defendant pleaded "Not guilty" to the first charge but guilty to the second. Complainant gave evidence as to how the cheques were stolen from him in Cleverly Street. He said that he was led from his front door and then he found the cheques were missing.

Defendant denied stealing the cheques and said that he only went to the money changers with another man to see what the paper was as he could not read English. He was then arrested.

Mr. d'Almada found him "guilty" and sentenced him to eighteen months' hard labour. Defendant's mother, after she had been told twice to behave herself and had been out of court, sat in the corridor and wept.

Insp. Moran prosecuted.

Alleged to have taken part in the robbery of Mr. Ross and the murder of Mr. Wood, Lau Hoi, He Cheuk-lun, King Lok and Li Chung-chun, were at the request of the prosecution, remanded by Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday for a week.

Survival Of U.S. Is Now At Stake

Washington, Mar. 22. The House Foreign Affairs Committee said today that "the very survival of the United States" is at stake in the present programme to stop Communism and help Europe to recover economically.

The Committee said this in a written statement sent to the House of Representatives with a \$6,205 million bill to help Europe and China. The bill is to come before the House tomorrow.

A group of educationists and clergymen, criticising military training yesterday, said it would be regarded by all the world as "an indication that America intends to go to war".

Reuter.

'Durban Castle' Steward Found Guilty

Winchester, Mar. 22. James Camb, deck steward of the liner Durban Castle, was tonight sentenced to death for the murder of Eileen "Gay" Gibson, an actress who disappeared from the ship off West Africa.

Camb's defence in the four days trial was that the 21-year-old girl died in his arms after he had had sexual intercourse with her in her cabin on the night of Oct. 17.

He said he "panicked" when there was a knock on the door as he was trying to revive her and pushed her out through the cabin porthole.

The prosecution maintained that Camb killed the girl, possibly to guard himself against a charge of rape or attempted rape.

In his closing speech, Camb's counsel, Mr. J. D. Casswell, said the prosecution had to prove there had been violence. "Why should there be violence?" he asked. "Was there anything to prevent this girl calling out and preventing this man from coming into the cabin?"

Counsel asked the jury whether they believed that Miss Gibson had related Camb, adding: "What reason should there be for violence if he is not a sadist? Where is the evidence that she was unwilling?"

Mr. G. D. Roberts, for the prosecution, said Camb had been an "unfriendly and unapproachable" witness.

GOLF JOTTINGS

The Hong Fourmours saw a splinted finish to the race to be first winners of "The Victory Cup". At the turn, the Hong Kong Bank couple must have been quietly confident with "four up" sign on their bags but "that's all that was" they were heard to say shortly afterwards, when a spasm of birdies from the A.P.C. brought the game all square.

And in the last green, where Reid was left with a holeable putt for the game. However, the gods were not smiling and the battle is to be fought anew on Easter Monday.

Incidentally, there was a little discussion as to the proper procedure when the players left the first tee in the 19th or a replay? For general information Rule 27 (b) is repeated:—"In all competitions not under handicap, and in all competitions under handicap when no other arrangement has been made, the players shall continue to play on until one or other shall have gained a hole, when the match shall be considered won."

The Bogey Follies over the week end was won by H.W.E. Heath, 1 up. Runners up were E. H. Sainsbury, W.O. Davies and N.J. Baker all 1 down.

Final reminder—the closing date is this week-end for the open foursomes. The mixed foursomes are slowly coming along and possibly the Easter week end will re-echo to subdued exclamations.

The Greens Committee have got down to work and have been trying out "Leaping Lizards" or "Dangling Daisies" a gadget to remove those bumps on the fairways. Early reports are enthusiastic and it is proposed to go into full scale operations immediately after Easter.

OPEN DOUBLES RESULTS

The following were the results of games played yesterday in the Open Doubles Tennis championship:—

Wong Hok-sang and Kwok Hing-chun beat J. J. Remedios and A. V. Gokano 6-2, 4-6 and 6-2.

Lee Chun-kit and Y. Y. Lam beat M. L. Chan and A. Chan 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

C. K. L. Wu and Lau Chun beat H. V. Ardy and R. J. Mackenzie 6-0, 6-0.

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo beat Au Kam-moon and Pang O-lam 6-3, 7-5.

The following are today's tennis games:—

P. Poon and H. T. Ng v. S. K. H. Wong and Lam Kwan.

D. Chan and C. Y. Wing v. Lee Wai-tong and P. T. Hau.

F. A. Fisher and A. H. Dinnen v. T. J. Gould and J. K. Wilson.

L. d'Almada Remedios and A. J. Remedios v. K. H. Ip and Paul Kong.

G. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha v. J. D. Mackie and S. Saul.

NEW "DRAGONS" OUT Week-End Yachting At Kellet Island

Two cruiser races, a dinghy team race, two open dinghy races and two Star races filled the programme at the R.H.K.Y.C. Kellet Island last weekend. In addition five of the new "Dragons" were out sail stretching and generally settling down and reminding many of pre-war days, especially with the new Dragons in many cases having some of the old names.

Arki, Aquilla and Yvonne were the three cruisers out. In both races, Yvonne had the misfortune to be late at the start, but Aquilla and Arki—both with new handicaps—had very close races. Saturday's race was over a short course with light winds in the harbour. Sunday's cruiser course was round Hong Kong Island to starboard.

In both races, Mr. R.S. Hownam-Meck in his Dragon "Coppelia" joined in to get an idea of the comparative times of Dragons as a class with the cruisers. Sunday was a calm day for the "round-the-island" race, with a North East wind at Aquilla. The tide flooded all off Cap until the evening when it ebbed during the last half hour of the race.

Aquilla picked up again outside In-pa and took Cape Collinson too close and lost the wind. This enabled Arki to establish a good lead by the time she reached Cap Aquilla. On Aquilla spread her spinnaker and the long run down to Green Island, but caught up with Arki at Green Island but lost again on the beat up harbour. Times were:—

Cruisers:—

Elapsed Corrected
Arki (Mr. F. Clemo) 1:28.35 1:28.35
Arki (Mr. T.P. Honan) 1:28.48 1:28.48
Yvonne (Mr. Ingalls) 1:37.52 1:37.52
Dragon—Coppelia (Mr. Hownam-Meck) actual time 1 hr. 8 mins.

Cruiser handicaps adjusted since last week-end are:

Arki (with propeller) 8 mins.
Arki (without propeller) 8 1/2 mins.
Yvonne (without propeller) 9 mins.
The remaining yachts are unchanged.

Manerige Race

On Good Friday, there is an all day race for all classes—Whalers, Jubilees, Dragons, Cruisers—starting at 9 a.m., course round Wai-lan Island to starboard. Last year 13 boats took part in this race and it is hoped to see a bigger entrance this year. There is no other race for cruisers planned for next week-end.

Stars

The Stars raced on Saturday and Sunday as follows:—

SATURDAY

Atari (Brooks) 1:55.40
Polaris (East) 1:57.20
Demet (Griffiths) 2:07.22
Bellatrix (Stratton) 2:07.22

SUNDAY

Bellatrix (Brooks) 1:28.46
Atari (Allen) 1:28.59
Demet (Kino) 1:28.91
Polaris (Hawley) Disqualified

Team Race

H.M.S. Amethyst at the bottom of the league scored a good win over the H.K. Residents, at the top of the league, on Sunday morning:—

Team II (East "A") 1:25.00
Amethyst (Brooks "A") 1:26.02
Theurus (East "H.K.R.") 1:26.50
Black (Griffiths "A") 1:26.50
Team III (Coote "H.K.R.") 1:27.00
Gambila I (Corbett "H.K.R.") 1:27.02
60 (Sheriff "H.K.R.") 1:28.50
H.K. Varsity "H.K.R." 1:29.00
Gambila II (Stratton "A") 1:30.00
Stonewallers IV (Howard "A") 1:31.50
Stonewallers I (Haddock "H.K.R.") 1:32.00
Results H.M.S. Amethyst 42
H.K. Residents 87

The position in the league now is:—

Team Raced Wins Last Pos.

H.K. Residents 5 2 1 4
Royal Navy 4 2 1 4
H.K. Government 3 2 1 4
The "Shippers" 4 2 2 4
H.M.S. Amethyst 3 1 1 4
Kowloon Residents 0 0 0 0

SS Man Forced To Run Till He Dropped

London, Mar. 23. A London court martial today heard how a former German SS man was made to run naked around his cell until he was exhausted.

Before the court martial, he was too exhausted to breathe and was too exhausted to speak, he said. He added that he was told that the man was a member of an organisation which was to start a rising on Hitler's birthday and information was to be forced out of him.

Alan Tress, a former army captain, said that he together with the witness, who was in charge of the investigation under a Major Edmund. The investigation was a long one but there was nothing improper in what was done, he said. He was an "urgent matter" and the use of physical "treatment" was absolutely necessary.

He said, "The commandant of the camp, who was the strictest of officers, had the strictest views on the matter." — Associated Press.

SEIZURES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 23. Large quantities of smuggled goods, including opium, butter and other articles were seized by the police and several arrests were made on the arrival of three Chinese steamers from Hankow.

At the same time, the Customs authorities uncovered CN\$4,000 million worth of smuggled commodities aboard a Chinese steamer from Hong Kong. — Reuter.

Committed To Sessions

Yui Ming, 20, Wong Pui, 31, Hui Kin-hoi, 28, were committed to the next Sessions by Mr. Tom when they appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of conspiring to utter forged bank notes knowing them to have been forged and with intent to defraud. Another charge of being in possession of forged bank notes was brought against the first and second defendant. A charge of misprision of a felony was preferred against second defendant.

Insp. Lowe gave evidence as to how the counterfeit money was recovered and defendants were arrested.

Mr. Sutherland Ross, who appeared for second defendant, reserved his defence. The other two, who are not legally represented, also reserved their defence and the right to call witnesses.

Possibility Of War "Not Very Remote"

Washington, Mar. 22. Representative Charles Eaton, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, said here today that the possibility of a third world war "is not very remote."

Mr. Eaton was asking the House Rules Committee to send to the House of Representatives quickly, legislation for aid to Western Europe, China, Greece and Turkey.

The House Rules Committee has to decide when a bill is to be considered by the House.

Even before the Rules Committee session, there was an informal understanding that the big foreign aid bill would come up tomorrow and leaders predicted the passage by next week.

Mr. Eaton added: "Sooner or later slavery and freedom will stand face to face in this world for a decision on which will rule."

In Greece and Turkey, he added, "We certainly are facing a challenge from which it is impossible for us to retreat."

Mr. Eaton said the world was coming to a crossroads. He did not know whether the decision which road it will take would be made through an armed conflict "but the possibility is not very remote."

A Glacier

He was asked by Representative E. Cox (Democrat of Georgia) whether his Committee had any assurance that countries getting the assistance "will do something to resist force with force."

Mr. Eaton replied: "The predominant sentiment of my Committee is that all this aid is essential military aid against any eventual attempt to conquer the world."

Mr. Eaton, continuing, said: "Russia has gone down like a glacier through the Baltic States and Albania, and now is threatening Finland and other Scandinavian countries. They will not stop until they come up against an economic force—military is necessary—that will stop them."

Representative John Vorys (Republican of Ohio), a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told the Rules Committee that as the bill was to support the economies of countries which were maintaining 104 army divisions for possible defence against 100 Soviet and satellite divisions.

Those figures were official United States Army estimates last autumn, he said.

Representative Charles Brown (Republican of Ohio) commented: "Your statement indicates that the 10 countries, to whom the bill was agreed to keep their divisions going."

ROTARY LUNCH

Despite the strike of hotel boys Hong Kong Rotary held its weekly meeting at the Jacobson Room at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday and had their luncheon served to them by Filipino band members.

A talk by Rotarian D. S. Hill on the life and work of the French composer, Claude Achille Debussy, provided entertainment in a "black atmosphere."

Two visiting Rotarians from Canton, H. S. Chuck and Joseph Yu, and a local guest, D. Cohen, were welcomed by the President.

The Hong Kong State Club are holding a casting meeting for a radio play at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, March 26 at the Mission to Seamen. The play, which is called "The Noebus" and is based on a Russian fairy story, is to be broadcast in about three weeks time. Anyone interested is invited to go to the meeting.